FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Who takes the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) tests?

Students in grades 3-8 take state-mandated TCAP Achievement assessments in English language arts, math, and science. Grades 6-8 also take a social studies assessment. High school students who complete English I or II, Algebra I or II, Geometry, U.S. History, or Biology take TCAP End-of-Course (EOC) assessments in these subjects. Tennessee also provides an optional assessment in English language arts (ELA) and math for second graders which MSCS has chosen to administer. TCAP alternate assessments are provided at all tested grade levels for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

When will I see my child's score?

The Tennessee Department of Education plans to make student scores available to parents via the TCAP Family Portal (https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login) on July 15. MSCS will also update your child's Academic Scorecard, available via the PowerSchool parent portal (https://scstn.powerschool.com/public/), with TCAP information on July 15.

How can I look at my child's TCAP scores?

Instructions for using the TCAP Family Portal may be found **here**.

To access your child's MSCS Academic Scorecard, just log in to your PowerSchool parent portal account (https://scstn.powerschool.com/public/), and click on Academic Scorecard in the left-side menu. Having Trouble Accessing Your PowerSchool Account? Call (901) 416-6007 for account setup and support.

How did my child's school do?

The state will allow school-level scores to be released at a later date.

What do these terms (below expectations, approaching expectations, met expectations, exceeded expectations) mean?

TDOE is adjusting the verbiage used to show how a student performed when compared to subject and grade-level expectations. Each score report—such as a fifth-grade student's math report— explains student performance based on the following levels: below expectations, approaching expectations, met expectations, and exceeded expectations.

Below expectations – the student is not performing in the minimum range applicable to their grade level.

Approaching expectations – the student is close, but not quite meeting expectations in comparison to other students on their grade level.

Met expectations – the student's scores reflect that they understand the material at the same rate as other students in their grade level. *Exceeded expectations* – the student demonstrates a mastery of the skills/functions tested.

What kinds of questions are on these tests?

TCAP exams cover foundational and transferable skills in multiple subjects, including ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Test questions (**ELA**, **Math**, and **Science**) are available on the District's website.

Are standardized tests adapted for students with disabilities?

The Tennessee Department of Education allows a variety of special accommodations for students with disabilities who qualify, including tests in large print, audio, etc. Students are allowed to demonstrate their best work concerning the knowledge, skills, and abilities that a test is designed to measure.

If a middle school student takes a course with an End-of-course (EOC) exam, such as Algebra I, does he or she have to take the EOC and the grade-level math test?

No. The student will only take the EOC.

Where can I find additional information regarding TCAP assessments (also referred to as TNReady assessments)?

The Tennessee Department of Education has additional FAQs available **here**.