

TIMELINE

Contract with Measurement Inc.

Contract with MI Begins

Measurement Inc (MI) was awarded the contract to be the state's new testing vendor. MI was charged with providing a state test on an online platform with a paper-pencil back-up option.

Break MIST Day

In preparation for the TNReady assessment online, the department requested that all schools with grades 3-11 help test the capacity of the online platform. This capacity test was designed to assess the network and server capacity and provide a check of schools' internet, hardware, and logistical readiness.

iPad Challenges

The department confirmed challenges with iPads, including unexpected test rebooting or reloading, lack of precision with touch gestures, and difficulty typing in a textbox. MI was unable to resolve issues prior to Feb. 8 testing window, resulting in the need for some districts to select paper-based test in the absence of having other devices.

Capacity Failure for Part I

On the first day of online administration of TNReady Part I, the online testing platform experienced a major network outage because MI's network failed.

Shipping Delays for Part II

While MI had 11 weeks to plan and prepare for the distribution of Part II, MI delayed the shipping schedule three times in April. Ultimately, MI was able to deliver Part II tests for high schools but was unable to deliver all paper tests for schools with grades 3-8.

Termination of MI Contract

Due to MI's repeated inability to deliver on their obligations to Tennessee schools and students, the state cancelled the contract with MI.

April
2014

General Assembly Action

The Tennessee General Assembly voted to require the department to procure a new testing vendor for English language arts and mathematics through a competitive bidding process.

July-
Sept
2014

Vendor Bidding Process

Multiple companies submitted bids to the state to be the new testing vendor.

Nov.
2014

Test Development Begins

MI worked with the department to develop new test items and determine the quality of items from existing banks.

Feb.
2015

Oct. 1,
2015

Department Leads Additional Troubleshooting

The department encouraged schools to participate in additional Break MIST Days on Jan. 12 and Jan. 22. In addition, the department led on-site analysis and troubleshooting sessions in districts to uncover and mitigate system challenges.

Jan.
2016

Jan.
22,
2016

Transition to Paper and Pencil

Due to the inconsistency of MI's online platform, the department decided to shift to paper and pencil testing for TNReady during the 2015-16 school year. The department extended the Part I testing window because of the unexpected shift to paper and pencil.

Feb. 8,
2016

Feb. 8,
2016

Feb.
26,
2016

Shipping Delays for Part I

MI was unable to meet the shipping deadline for providing test materials to 13 districts, including large, metropolitan districts serving nearly a half-million students.

April
13,
2016

Suspension of TNReady Part II for Grades 3-8

After multiple changes to the delivery schedule, MI was unable to provide paper and pencil tests for all schools with grades 3-8. As such, the department made the decision to suspend all TNReady Part II testing for grades 3-8.

April
27,
2016

April
27,
2016