



Accountability

Summary of New Accountability Hold Harmless Law *for Parents and Families*

Parents deserve clear, easy-to-understand information about how their child and their child's school are performing. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has created the need for common-sense flexibilities regarding the incorporation of testing results in student grades, educator evaluations, and school and district accountability.

On January 21, 2021 the Tennessee state legislature took action to ensure there would be no negative consequences for students, teachers, or schools from 2020-21 student testing results.

- **Incorporation of testing scores in student grades:** For this school year, your school district can decide to decrease how much test results affect your student's final grade. This can be lowered all the way down to 0% (with a maximum of 25%).
- **Teacher Evaluations:** Your student's teacher will not be negatively affected by this year's test results. Testing results will only be included in the teacher's evaluation if it leads to a higher overall score.
- **School-level accountability:** For this school year, your child's school will not receive a letter-grade from the state, so long as 80% of students in your district are tested.