ACCOUNTABILITY in Tennessee

WHY IT MATTERS
Tennessee’s accountability system is central to the academic progress made in the state over the last decade and provides a critical view of how well educators, schools and districts are serving all students.

• Student assessments help families and educators get an accurate picture of what our students know, where there are opportunities for growth, and how they can best support students.

• Student assessment results are traditionally used in evaluation and accountability measures for educators, schools and districts.

• The 2019-20 & 2020-21 school years have been disrupted and though educators are working hard to overcome new challenges, they have faced extended time away from their classrooms and students.

KEY TAKEAWAY
Assessment results will not be used in teacher evaluations or school accountability this year so educators can focus on understanding where students are academically, catching students up, and accelerating student learning.

ACCOUNTABILITY HOLD HARMLESS ACT
This legislation removes negative consequences associated with evaluation and accountability this year, so long as the district meets at least 80% participation rate for TCAP assessments or receives a waiver. Assessment scores from the 2020-21 school year would only be incorporated into evaluations or accountability measures if it benefited the teacher, school, or district.

HOLD HARMLESS FOR 2020-2021...

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