2022 Accountability Overview for Directors

As a supplement to the 2021-22 Accountability Protocol, this document for directors of schools provides a brief overview of upcoming measures and key dates to help support preparation for the 2021-22 accountability process.

School Letter Grades

Pursuant to Tennessee law (T.C.A. § 49-1-228), the department will release letter grades for schools this fall. State law requiring a school grading system was originally enacted for implementation beginning with the 2017-18 school year, however implementation has been delayed due to gaps in the availability of assessment data and the COVID-19 pandemic. The department began detailing the school letter grade calculations with the 2018-19 Accountability Protocol, and calculations are included in the 2021-22 Accountability Protocol.

As this is the first year of implementation of school letter grades, the department is in the process of soliciting input from all major stakeholder groups, including directors of schools, ahead of publication of letter grades later this fall.

State Report Card Application

This fall, the department will release the annual State Report Card with a new and updated online platform. As in years past, the State Report Card will provide clear information and data about schools and districts to the broader community, and this year will also display letter grades for each school. The department is preparing several support resources for districts, schools, and community groups to assist them in accessing and understanding data available on the State Report Card. Those resources will include guides for educators and parents, FAQs, webinars for district accountability staff, and district office hours with the department's accountability team.

It is important to note the new State Report Card platform does not impact accountability calculations in any way.

Data Used for Accountability

Chapter 782 of the Public Acts of 2022 updated the requirements governing the use of 2020-21 TCAP data in the production of accountability calculations to be released this fall. As such, 2020-21 TCAP data will be incorporated into all the calculations for the assignment of A-D letter grades (success rate, AMOs, and TVAAS). The use of 2020-21 TCAP scores in the identification of Priority schools this fall is still prohibited in alignment with the law. Details for the incorporation of assessments in accountability methodology will be specified in the 2021-22 Accountability Protocol.

Priority School Identification

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) requires Comprehensive Support and Improvement (Priority schools) to be identified for the next three-year cycle beginning in Fall 2022. The department submitted a wavier to USED for the following adjustments to Priority identification in Fall 2022:

- The CSI/Priority identification cycle starting in Fall 2022 will be reduced from three years to one year.
- CSI/Priority schools will be identified again in Fall 2023 (using assessment results from 2021-22 and 2022-23) for a three-year period (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26).
- Any school identified as ATSI in the fall of 2023 that would have been identified as an ATSI school for the same student group in the next cycle (2025-26) will become a Priority school starting in the fall of 2026.

Accountability Calendar

Milestone	Process and Timeline
TCAP Assessment data files available	• The assessment data files, including TCAP, MSAA, and Grade 2 Assessment, will be released on the Accountability application on **July 11.** • Districts have 10 business days to review and submit appeals. • Finalized data files will be released on the Accountability application on **July 25**.
	• TCAP-Alt (science and social studies) will be released on the Accountability application on **August 8.** • Districts have 10 business days to review and submit appeals. • Finalized data files will be released on the Accountability application on **August 22**.
English Language Proficiency Assessment Data Files	• The WIDA ACCESS data files will be released on the Accountability application on **July 11.** • Districts have 10 business days to review and submit appeals. • Finalized data files will be released on the Accountability application on **July 25**.
Chronically Out of School data files available	• The assessment data files, including TCAP, MSAA, and Grade 2 Assessment, will be released on the Accountability application on **July 11.** • Districts have 10 business days to review and submit appeals. • Finalized data files will be released on the Accountability application on **July 25**.
Graduation Rate data files available	• The data files (i.e., 2020-21 graduating cohort) will be released on the Accountability application on **July 11.** • The files are ***not*** subject to appeals and are embargoed through **July 25.**
Ready Graduate data files available	• The ***Ready Graduate*** related data files will be released on the Accountability application on **July 11.** • The files are ***not*** subject to appeals and are embargoed through **July 25.**
ACT/SAT substitution data available[149]	• The data files will be released on the Accountability application on **July 11.** • The files are ***not*** subject to appeals and are embargoed through **July 25.**
TVAAS data files available	• The data files will be released on the Accountability application on **August 1.** • The files are ***not*** subject to appeals and are embargoed through **August 15.**
Accountability data files and accountability designations available	• The accountability files and preliminary designations will be released on the Accountability application on **August 1**. • Districts have 10 business days to review and submit appeals. • Finalized data files will be released on the Accountability application on **August 15.** • Final accountability files and designations will be posted to the department's website on **August 15.**
Heat Map files available	• The accountability files and preliminary designations will be released on the Accountability application on **August 1**. • The files are ***no**t* subject to appeals and are embargoed through **August 15.**
State Report Card available	• Report card data will be released under embargo in **late September/early October**. • Districts have 10 business days to review and submit appeals before public release.

Note. State Board typically reviews and approves the following school year's AMOs during the September meeting. The department will release the 2022-23 AMOs on the Accountability application within 5 working days.