

2025-26 Use of TCAP Assessments and Growth Measures: Federal Accountability, School Letter Grades and Educator Evaluation

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The Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) assessments are used in various accountability and evaluation systems including federal accountability, School Letter Grades, and educator evaluation. Table 1 provides a snapshot of the TCAP assessments used across these systems in 2025-26.

Table 1. Use of TCAP Assessments across Reporting

	Achievement Indicator for Federal Accountability	Growth Indicator for Federal Accountability	Achievement Indicator for School Letter Grades	Growth and Growth 25 Indicators for School Letter Grades	Growth measure for Educator Evaluation
ELA Grade 2		X		X	X
ELA Grades 3-8	X	X	X	X	X
English I		X	X	X	X
English II	X	X	X	X	X
Math Grade 2		X		X	X
Math Grades 3-8	X	X	X	X	X

	Achievement Indicator for Federal Accountability	Growth Indicator for Federal Accountability	Achievement Indicator for School Letter Grades	Growth and Growth 25 Indicators for School Letter Grades	Growth measure for Educator Evaluation
Algebra I/Integrated Math I	X	X	X	X	X
Geometry/Integrated Math II		X	X	X	X
Algebra II/Integrated Math III		X	X	X	X
Science Grades 3-4			X	X	X
Science Grades 5-8			X	X	X
Biology			X	X	X
Social Studies Grades 6-8			X	X	X
U.S. History			X	X	X

Important Notes

- The growth indicator for federal accountability is measured by the TVAAS Combined Literacy and Numeracy composite, which will include the better score between composites that include Early Grades (Grade 3) and those that do not. Only schools within districts that administer 2nd grade assessments during the prior and current school year would receive the grade 3 growth scores.
- The Growth and Growth 25 indicators used for school letter grades are measured by the TVAAS All Subjects composite. which will include the better score between composites that include Early Grades (Grade 3) and those that do not. Only schools within districts that administer 2nd grade assessments during the prior and current school year would receive the grade 3 growth scores.
- Alternate assessments (i.e., Dynamic Learning Maps and TCAP-Alt) are not used as predictors in growth calculation.

- Grade 2 tests are used as prior testing history (predictors) for the calculation of growth measures.
- Geometry or Integrated Math II may be used in the Achievement indicator calculation for federal accountability only for students who took Algebra I or Integrated Math I prior to 9th grade. Please consult Section 2.1.1.1 of the [protocol](#) for more details.
- Algebra II or Integrated Math III may be used in the Achievement indicator calculation for federal accountability only for students who took Geometry or Integrated Math II prior to 9th grade. Please consult Section 2.1.1.1 of the [protocol](#) for more details.
- Science grades 3-4 tests are used as prior testing history (predictors) for the calculation of growth measures.

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