Third-Grade ELA TCAP Retake Assessment Overview

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3115, 3rd grade students who score below or approaching on the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of their spring Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) assessment can participate in a TCAP retake opportunity to as a pathway to promotion to fourth grade in the following school year.

This document provides guidance to local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools as they implement the retake assessment. Note: This document does not apply to 3rd grade students who meet certain exceptions outlined in the law.

Students Eligible for 3rd Grade ELA TCAP Retake Assessment

Any student scoring either below or approaching on the spring 3rd grade ELA TCAP, as well as students who do not have a valid score on the spring assessment, may participate in the retake assessment.

To assist in informing retake participation, districts will receive a file with Spring 2027 TCAP proficiency determinations on or before May 20, 2027 in PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN). Districts should identify students who scored below or approaching expectations for participation in the 3rd Grade ELA TCAP Retake.

Retake Assessment Window

The retake may be administered any time between May 12 through May 28, 2027. Districts may select, schedule, and administer the retake on any day(s) within this window.

Retake Assessment Design

The retake assessment for 3rd grade ELA will consist of TCAP passages and items. The passages and items selected are generally representative of the overall 3rd grade ELA TCAP Blueprint. However, to speed scoring and timely reporting, the retake assessment will not include writing prompts. The assessment is intended to be administered in two subparts lasting 45 and 30 minutes respectively. It may be completed in one session with a break between subparts.

Retake Assessment Administration

The 3rd grade retake will be administered in the TestNav platform used for all online TCAP assessments. Students will take the retake assessment in a location designated by their district. All 3rd grade students will be populated in PearsonAccess^{next} and Building Test Coordinators will select students to be assigned the Retake assessment and scheduled into a session.

Please note, this is a secure administration. Districts and schools must conform to TCAP test security policies and practices in the administration of the retake assessment.

Retake Assessment Accommodations

For students with disabilities and English learners, teachers/test administrators should follow a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Individualized Learning Plan (ILP), and/or Section 504 plan and apply appropriate accommodations for testing as outlined. For Read Aloud accommodations, students may use the "Text to Speech" functionality in the TestNav platform when taking a computer-based test. Students must use headphones or EarPods to use "Text to Speech" functionality. To use the "Text to Speech" functionality, it must be assigned to the student when scheduling in PearsonAccess^{next}.

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Returning Results

Performance Level results from retake scores will be available in PearsonAccess^{next} within two (2) business days of test administration.

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