

TCAP State and District Results: Calculation Protocol

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This document describes business rules applied when preparing the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) data to be released on the 2026 TCAP State Results and 2026 TCAP District Results pages of the [State Report Card](#). **Important note.** All data used in the TCAP state and district results reporting are pre-appeal data, and the business rules applied differ from the rules used in [accountability reporting](#). Key business rules are summarized below:

- Testing records are assigned to schools and districts in which they are tested (50 percent enrollment rule is not applied).
- English Learner (EL) students who recently arrived in the United States are not included in these data.
- Among middle school students who took both the TCAP and End-of-Course (EOC) exams, EOC data are used.
- TCAP-Alt assessments are excluded from the TCAP dashboard reporting.
- Student demographic information is based on the information in the Tennessee Education Data System (TEDS) on the last day of the spring testing window.
- The percent below expectations performance level is calculated after the rounding process to ensure that all percentages sum to 100. Percent below expectations = $100 - (\text{percent exceeded expectations} + \text{percent met expectations} + \text{percent approaching expectations})$.
- Non-public school testing records are excluded from reporting.

Please contact Report.Card@tn.gov with questions regarding data released on the 2026 TCAP state results and 2026 TCAP district results.

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