2021 School and District Data, Reporting, and Accountability Milestones

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This document provides the key dates for major accountability file releases for the 2020-21 school year. The department will strive to meet these milestones; however, please note that these **release dates** are *estimates* that may vary due to the timeliness of delivery of data by the department's vendor and the quality assurance process. The department will communicate all releases to districts through the *Commissioner's Update for Directors.* If you have questions about Accountability files and their release, please contact TNED.Accountability@tn.gov.

Accountability Milestones for Summer of 2021

Date	Milestone	Details
On or before Aug. 10	TCAP Assessment files available to districts	This release includes student-, school-, and district-level general education TCAP assessment files through the Accountability application. These files are embargoed through **Aug. 11**. The school- and district- level data **are not** subject to appeals.
		TCAP-Alt files will be available Aug. 11th**.** These files are **embargoed through Sept. 1.**
	WIDA ACCESS files available to districts	This release includes school- and district-level WIDA ACCESS files through the Accountability application. These files are used to calculate the ELPA indicator; thus, these files are **embargoed through Sept. 1.** These data **are not** subject to appeals beginning Aug. 19 and ending Sept. 1
	Grade 2 Assessment files available to districts	This release includes student-, school-, and district-level assessment files through the Accountability application. These files are not to be reported publicly and are to be used by districts only for informative purposes and **not** subject to appeals.
	Chronic Absenteeism files available to districts	This release includes student-, school-, and district-level Chronic Absenteeism files through the Accountability application. These files are used to calculate the Chronically Out of School indicator; thus, these files are **embargoed through Sept. 1.** These data **are** subject to appeals beginning Aug. 19 and ending Sept. 1.
	2020 Graduation Rate files available to districts	This release includes student-, school-, and district-level files through the Accountability application. These files are used to calculate the Graduation Rate indicator; however, these files **are not** subject to appeals, as these data were finalized in September 2020. These files are **embargoed through Sept. 1.**

	2020 *Ready Graduate* files available to districts	This release includes student-, school-, and district-level files through the Accountability application. These files are used to calculate the *Ready Graduate* indicator; however, these files **are not** subject to further appeals. These files are **embargoed through Sept. 1.** These files are **embargoed through Sept. 1,** have already undergone appeals through the *Ready Graduate* appeals process and are **not** subject to further appeals**.**
	Substitution files available to districts (if applicable)[1]	This release includes a student-level for applicable districts file through the Accountability application detailing where 11th grade ACT/SAT scores were used with the Achievement indicator rating. These files **are embargoed through Sept. 1** but are **not** subject to appeals.
Aug. 19	TVAAS Evaluation and Subject Composite Files	This release includes school- and district-level accountability files through the Accountability application. These files detail the metrics for each indicator and preliminary grades and designations; thus, these **are embargoed through Sept. 1**. These data **are not** subject to appeals beginning Aug. 19 and ending Sept. 1.
	Accountability files and preliminary designations available to districts	This release includes school- and district-level accountability files through the Accountability application.[2] These files detail the metrics for each accountability indicator and any preliminary grades or designations, thus these **are embargoed through Sept. 1** These data **are** subject to appeals beginning Aug. 19 and ending Sept. 1.
	Re-release of Assessment files	This release includes an update of the student-, school-, and district-level assessment file through the Accountability application. This re-release will include the TCAP-Alt files.
Aug.19-Sept. 1	Accountability Data Appeals window	Appeals window for the following files: • Accountability (district- and school-level) • Chronic Absenteeism
Aug. 25	Heat Map files to release	This release includes school- and district-level heat maps detailing metrics and designations through the Accountability application. These files are informative only and

[1] Public chapter 2 states "Student performance on assessments administered in the 2020-2021 school year to assess student readiness for postsecondary education must be excluded from the performance goals and measures...unless including [them] results in a higher performance designation for the school or LEA." Thus, these files will only be generated for those schools not held harmless and for whom their inclusion results in a higher performance designation.

[2] Public Chapter 2 states that schools and districts are "held harmless" from the accountability provisions specified in PC 2 when they meet the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) "eighty-percent-participation requirement" detailed in PC 2.

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Sept. 10	Accountability Public Release	Final accountability files will be posted to the Accountability Application and the department's website ([Data Downloads])[3].
Sept. 13	Accountability Designation Public Release	Final accountability designations will be posted to the department's website.[4]
Sept. 7-20	2021 District Report Card Preview Window	Districts will have this preview window to preview the staging site for the 2020-21 Report Card to review their data, ask questions, and make appeals. Appeal for any data non-accountability related data presented on the Report Card are due **Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. CT.**
Sept. 23	2020-21 Report Card Release	The 2020-21 Report Card will include accountability data finalized after the appeals window which closes Sept. 20.

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The department works with various vendors (e.g., Pearson, SAS, ACT, College Board, WIDA, etc.) to produce data files used in Accountability results. Our priority is to deliver files with accuracy; therefore, the department will adhere to processes to ensure quality assurance of data files. Milestones dates are estimates and are intended to provide guidance around when to expect results. However, the production of TDOE files is determinant on vendor delivery, and these dates may be adjusted accordingly.