

Accountability in Action:

Updates, Engagement & What's Ahead

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Assessment, Accountability, and Research

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Agenda

Assessment & Accountability

- Where are we now
- Where are we headed
- What do we need to know?





Assessment

Present & Future



Assessment – Recent Changes

- 12 consecutive successful administrations (at scale)
- New, shorter math assessments in 2024/25
- New science assessments in 2025/26
- Pre-equated tests: math, science, and social studies
- Hybrid human/automated essay scoring
 - Studied: 2021/22 to 2023/24
 - Pilot: 2024/25
 - Implemented: 2025/26



Assessment – Future Changes

2027 On-demand, rapid reporting pilot program

- Major data release and verification timelines are unchanged
 - Initial (verification) score file return: around May 17th
 - 3rd grade Re-take window: around May 20th
 - Comprehensive data file return: around June 12th
- ***On-Demand:*** Pre-verified TCAP scale scores and performance levels returned to *district offices* following any test administration
- ***Rapid:*** Different lag for different administrations
 - Online Math, science, and social studies: Same day, starting the 2nd week of testing.
 - Online ELA: Same day, starting the 3rd week of testing
 - Paper-based Math & science: One week *after shipping*
 - Paper-based ELA: Two weeks *after shipping*
- ***Pre-verified:*** Status changes not scores (medical exemptions, etc)



Assessment – Future Changes *(continued)*

2027 On-demand, rapid reporting pilot program

- On-demand data availability
 - *District access only – 2027*
 - *Filterable scale score and performance level report*
- On Demand Student Reports (ODRs)
 - TDOE branded simple score reports per student/administration
 - Batched PDFs

A close-up, vertical view of a test form on the left side of the slide. It shows a grid of bubbles with numbers 1 through 4 inside them. Some bubbles are filled with black ink. The numbers 16, 17, 18, and 19 are visible at the bottom of the grid.

Assessment – Other Changes

- Spring 2027
 - ELA embedded field-test (students write twice)
 - Nobody writes in February
 - Not every year
 - OCR/Automated paper-based test scoring **study**



Assessment – Future Changes

- New testing and reporting platform – ADAM
 - Replaces PAN, Schoolnet, Parent Portal, & Educator Portal
 - TestNAV (student experience) unchanged
- Major reporting and verification improvements
 - Early parent access
- Social Studies Standard Revision (Summer 2028)
- ELA Standards Implementation (rubric revision)? 2030
- Automated formative essay scoring tool



Quick poll

Assessment Feedback?

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Accountability

Present & Future

Where are we now?

- Dual accountability systems
 - ESSA Federal System
 - State Letter Grade System
- Similar output, different questions
- One accountability system

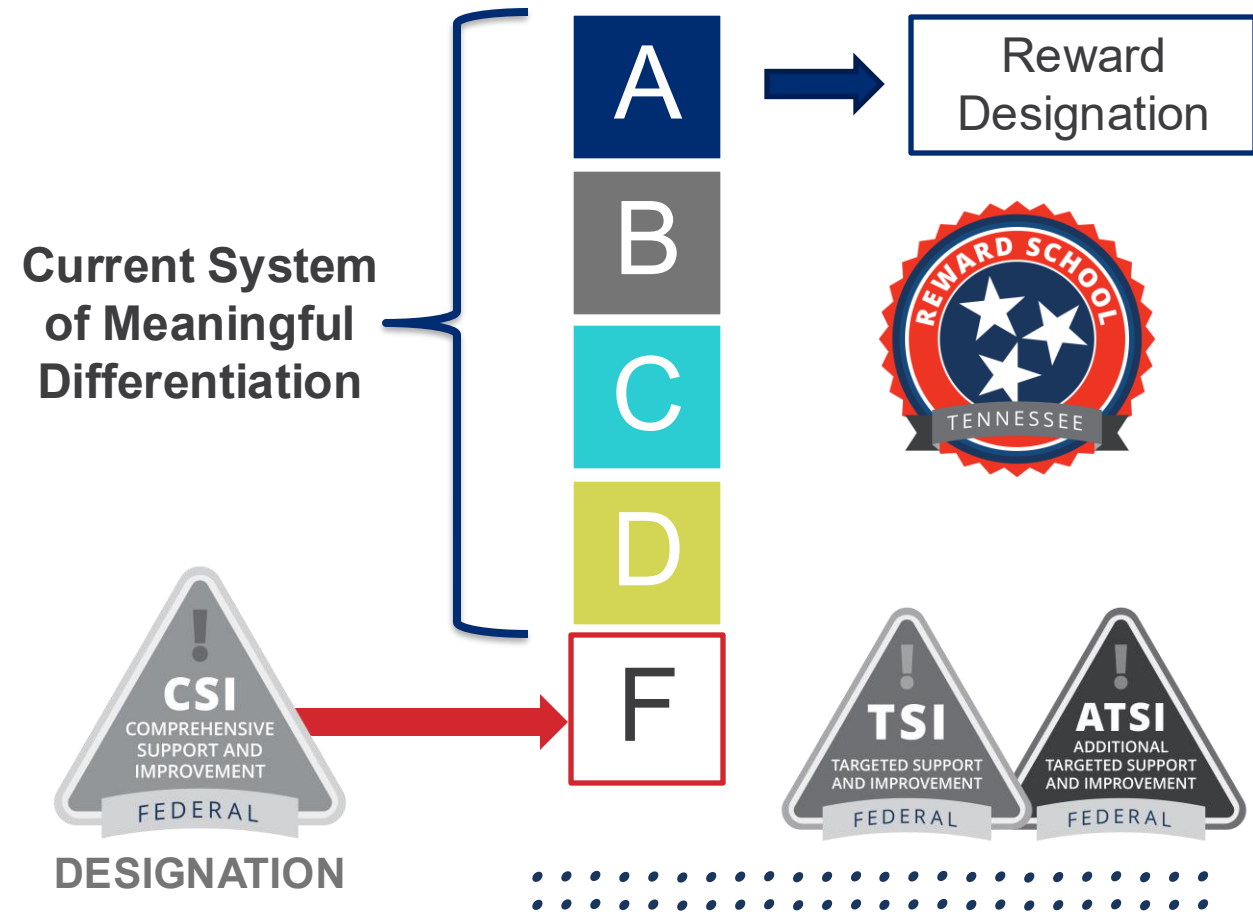


TN Federal: Integrated systems of meaningful differentiation & school designations

ESSA Requires

Annual, meaningful differentiation of schools based on all indicators in the accountability system
(Letter grades in Tennessee)

Identification of school designations based on the system of meaningful differentiation
(CSI, TSI, ATSI, Reward)

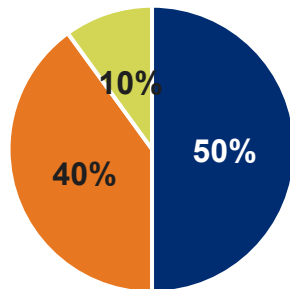


TN School Letter Grades

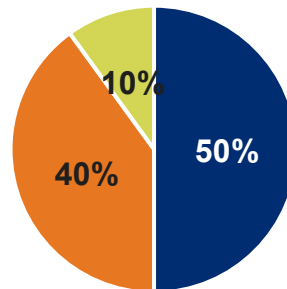
How are these components weighted in the letter grade calculation?

Schools will receive an indicator score for each of the key components, ranging from levels 1-5. Each indicator score will be multiplied by a weight based off the grade band to create a total score, which will then be used to determine the school's letter grade.

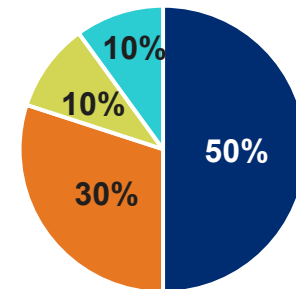
Elementary Schools



Middle Schools



High Schools



● Achievement

● Growth

● Growth of Highest
Need Students

● College & Career Readiness



Quick poll

How much of a problem is running two accountability systems concurrently?

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Accountability Revision Cycle

- **September:** AAR Advisory Group
 - **October-December:** SSC Regional Engagement Tour – Ends December
 - Statewide webinar for district accountability staff
 - **March:** TDOE Recommendations
 - **April:** District Review & Feedback
 - Preview data
 - Webinars
 - Survey
 - **May:** Protocol Release
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Where are We Headed

- July 2025 Waiver Flexibility Letter
- April 2026 – USED State Convening on Assessment & Accountability
- To merge systems
 - What we need to accomplish
 - While we are at it....



USED Requirements for One System

- CSI/Priority identification
- TSI/ATSI identification
- Indicators
 - Proficiency & Growth
 - English Language Proficiency Assessment (Growth)
 - USED Graduation Rate
- Annual System of Long-term Goals
- Public Report Card



While We are at It...

- Increasing the weight of the College & Career Readiness Indicator
- CCR Updates: work-based learning
- TISA outcome alignment
- Revise reward school method
- Consider new positive school designations (celebrate to replicate)
- TVAAS Improvements
 - Effect size adjustment
 - Promoting the predictive model (removing the gain model)



Quick poll

What else should we be thinking about before we make any potential accountability changes?

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