

## 2018-19 TNReady U.S. History and Geography End of Course Assessment Fact Sheet

### U.S. History/Geography (USH) Assessment Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the U.S. History and Geography end-of-course (EOC) assessment. Students will be assessed on the current Tennessee Academic Standards and will be required to demonstrate a deep understanding of civics, economics, and geography within the context of U.S. history, with special attention to Tennessee connections.

For information on the other TNReady EOC assessments, click [here](#).

### Students to be Tested in 2018-19

Students who are enrolled in an EOC class, regardless of grade level, must take the assessment pertinent to that class. For the U.S. History and Geography EOC, the tested course code number is **3416**.

The Tennessee State Board of Education High School Policy 2.103 ([here](#)) states that “Only students who are enrolled in a course with an associated End of Course examination shall take the End of Course examination. Students enrolled in a substituting course without an End of Course examination explicitly tied to the State Board of Education-approved curriculum content standards of that course shall not take an End of Course examination. This exemption applies to all substituting courses, including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, and dual credit courses.”

In summation, students in substituting courses are not obligated to take these assessments.

### Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the Statewide Assessment Schedule on the department website ([here](#)).

## Test Administration Times

The timing and details for each subpart of the U.S. History and Geography EOC are outlined in Tables 1 and 2.

**Table 1. Subpart Timing**

Assessment	Timing
U.S. History and Geography	Subpart 1: 50 minutes
	Subpart 2: 45 minutes
	Subpart 3: 45 minutes
	Total: 140 minutes

**Table 2. Subpart Details**

Subpart 1	Subpart 2	Subpart 3
50 Minutes	45 Minutes	45 Minutes
1 Written Response	30 Items	30 Items

## Performance Levels and Scale Scores

Student performance on Tennessee’s statewide assessments is categorized into four performance levels.

Table 3 provides information regarding student achievement at each performance level for the TNReady USH tests. This information is provided on student reports so that students, parents, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

**Table 3. Performance Levels**

Level 1 (Below)	Level 2 (Approaching)	Level 3 (On-track)	Level 4 (Mastered)
Performance at this level demonstrates that the student has a minimal understanding and has a nominal ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.	Performance at this level demonstrates that the student is approaching understanding and has a partial ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.	Performance at this level demonstrates that the student has a comprehensive understanding and has a thorough ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.	Performance at this level demonstrates that the student has an extensive understanding and has an expert ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.

Performance level scale score ranges for the TNReady U.S. History and Geography assessment are provided in Table 4 below.

**Table 4. Performance Levels for the TNReady U.S. History and Geography EOC Scale Scores**

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
U.S. History and Geography	200–326	327–341	342–353	354–450

### Test Administration Information

Within the state testing window, testing schedules are established **by the district at the school and/or district level**. It is at the district’s discretion to allow schools to set their own testing schedules, independent of a district testing schedule. Please see details on subparts for each subject and grade level on the updated testing times chart [here](#).

The U.S. History and Geography EOC assessments may consist of the following item types:

- Multiple choice
- Multiple select
- Writing prompt
- Technology Enhanced Items—grid select, zone select, drag & drop

### Practice Tests

The department has provided the following practice tools to support educators and students:

- **Paper practice tests:** PDF versions of practice tests are available on EdTools ([here](#)).
- **Online practice tests:** The online versions of the practice test for EOCs are available on the Nextera platform ([here](#)).

### Additional Information

Please visit the [department’s website](#) for more information about the statewide assessment program.