

2018-19 TNReady Social Studies Grades 5–8 Assessment Fact Sheet

Social Studies Assessment Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the social studies assessments in grades 5–8. The social studies assessments in grades 5–8 will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards for social studies, which require students to demonstrate historical awareness, geographical understanding, and the ability to analyze primary source documents. For information on the other TNReady assessments in grades 5–8, click <u>here</u>. Students enrolled in a grade 5–8 social studies course will be assessed.

Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the Statewide Assessment Schedule on the department website.

Test Administration Times

The time for administration of the TNReady social studies assessment in grades 5–8 is as follows:

Assessment	Timing	
Grades 5–8	45-55 Items	
	2 subparts	
	Total: 100 minutes	

Performance Levels and Scale Scores

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

Table 1 provides information regarding student achievement at each performance level for the TNReady social studies tests. This information is provided on student reports so that students, parents, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

Table 1. Performance Levels

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

Grades 5–8 social studies will have a full range of score reporting and performance levels.

There are no cut scores to report currently for social studies, as standard setting will occur in summer 2018.

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 <u>here</u>.

The social studies assessments for grades 5-8 may consist of the following item types:

- Multiple choice
- Multiple select
- 2 point and 4 point written response items

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 and posted on EdTools (<u>here</u>).
- **Online practice tests:** The online versions of the practice test are available on the Nextera platform (<u>here</u>) for grades 5–8.

Additional Information

Please visit the <u>department's website</u> for more information about the statewide assessment program.