

TCAP U.S. History End of Course Assessment Overview

U.S. History (USH) Assessment Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the U.S. History End of Course (EOC) assessment. Students will be assessed on the 2019 [Tennessee Academic Standards for Social Studies](#) and will be required to demonstrate deep understanding of civics, culture, economics, and geography within the context of U.S. history, with special attention to Tennessee connections.

The U.S. History assessment is administered in two subparts.

All TCAP End of Course Assessments will be administered using online testing. For more information on TCAP EOC assessments, click [here](#).

Students to be Tested

Students who are enrolled in an EOC class, regardless of what grade level, must take the assessment pertinent to that class. The Tennessee State Board of Education High School Policy 2.103 ([here](#)) states that “Students shall take the examinations in the semester they complete the relevant course work or at the earliest available test administration. 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 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, Cambridge AICE, International Baccalaureate, local and statewide dual enrollment, and local and statewide 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 administration windows on the department’s [website](#).

Within the testing window, testing schedules are established **by the district at the school and/or district level**. It is the district’s discretion to allow schools to set their own testing schedules, independent of a district testing schedule.

Test Administration Subpart Timing and Structure

The following timing details are applicable to the U.S. History EOC. The testing structure below reflects the total of both the number of operational assessment items and the number of field test assessment items.

Subpart 1	Subpart 2	Summary
45 minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes
30 items	30 items	60 items

Assessment Blueprints

Assessment blueprints are designed to show educators a summary of what will be assessed on each assessment. This resource is designed to help educators as they plan for the upcoming school year. Assessment blueprints can be found on the department website [here](#).

Item Types

The TCAP End of Course social studies assessments are administered using **Selected Response** and **Technology Enhanced** item types. These item types are used in multiple ways to elicit responses that demonstrate understanding of the Tennessee Academic Standards for Social Studies:

Selected Response items used for TCAP EOC social studies assessments can include:

- Multiple Choice – These are items with four answer options and only one correct answer. Multiple Choice items are worth one point on social studies assessments.
- Multiple Select – These are items with more than four answer options and multiple correct answers. Multiple Select items are worth two points on social studies assessments, with partial credit awarded if at least fifty percent of the correct answer choices are identified.

Technology Enhanced items utilize online assessment platform capabilities. Technology Enhanced items are worth two points on social studies assessments, with partial credit awarded if at least fifty percent of the correct answer choices are identified.

A sampler containing the various types of Technology Enhanced items students may encounter can be found on SchoolNet and the TestNav platform [here](#). Use the directions below for access:

- Select Tutorials (below the login prompt).
- Under TCAP Samplers, click Start.
- Enter your name as “Guest” and select Start.

Additional Information

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

- **SchoolNet** is a TDOE provided formative assessment platform. Resources include released items and various formative assessments across all TCAP-assessed contents and grade levels. There are ready-made assessments as well as item banks for users to access and create custom assessments. SchoolNet can be found [here](#).
- **Released Items** are also available in PDF documents on the Assessment Development LiveBinder [here](#).

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