

2018-19 TNReady English Language Arts Grade 2 Assessment Overview

English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the optional English language arts assessment in grade 2. The grade 2 assessment is an optional test districts can choose to administer. The assessment provides valuable data to third grade teachers, ensuring younger learners are strengthening foundational literacy skills.

The ELA assessment assesses the Tennessee Academic Standards through literary and informational texts and requires students to demonstrate the ability to read closely, analyze text, answer text-dependent questions, provide a written response to a prompt, and demonstrate command of the English language.

The ELA assessments are administered in four subparts and measure comprehension, foundational literacy skills and fluency, language conventions, grammar, spelling, writing, and listening.

For information on the other TNReady assessments in grade 2, click [here](#).

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 ELA assessment in grade 2 is outlined in the table below.

Assessment	Timing
ELA Grade 2 (optional assessment)	Subpart 1: 40 minutes
	Subpart 2: 40 minutes
	Subpart 3: 40 minutes
	Subpart 4: 42 minutes
	Total: 162 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 ELA 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 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.

Table 2 shows performance level scale score ranges for the grade 2 ELA assessment.

Table 2. Performance Levels for the TNReady ELA Grades 2 Assessment Scale Scores

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 2	200–333	334–364	365–385	386–450

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 ELA assessment for grade 2 may consist of the following item types:

- Multiple choice
- Multiple select
- Writing prompt
- Fluency
- Listening

Additional Information

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