

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

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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, culture, 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. 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

The following timing details are applicable to the social studies EOC.

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

Table 2. Testing Structure

The below testing structure for U.S. History and Geography EOC reflects both the number of operational assessment items and the number of field test assessment items.

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 U.S. History 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

Score Point Distribution by Sub-Score Category

For high school social studies, 100 percent of the assessment items come from the Tennessee Academic for Social Studies (United States History and Geography). Score point distribution percentage ranges of total score points by sub-score category for each assessment are provided in Table 5. Ranges reflect percentage of operational assessment items.

Table 5. Score Point Distribution by Sub-Score Category for United States History and Geography

Assessment	The Rise of Industrial America and the Progressive Era	The 1920s and the Great Depression	U.S. Policy between the Wars, World War II, and the Cold War	The Post-War Years to Contemporary United States
United States History and Geography	10-22%	23-37%	18-30%	8-18%

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](#). All EOC assessments will be administered online for 2018-19.

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

- Multiple choice
- Multiple select

- Written response

Practice Tests

The practice test is a content-specific tool that allows students and test administrators the opportunity to gain exposure to a variety of test item types. 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](#)).

Note that there is only one practice test form for US History; this same form is available in a computer-based and paper-based version.

Additional Information

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