

**RULES  
OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0520-07-02  
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS**

AMEND Chapter 0520-07-02, Non-Public School Approval Process, by adding the a new rule .09 and FURTHER AMEND the table of contents for Chapter 0520-07-02 to add a new section .09, so that, as amended the new table of contents and rule shall read:

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**0520-07-02-.09 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

- (1) Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders of the year 2020 declaring the existence of a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 and Public Chapter 652 of 2020:
  - (a) An approved Category I or II private school shall not be required to administer Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (“TCAP”) tests or a nationally standardized achievement test if such tests were scheduled to occur in the spring semester of the 2019-20 school year.
  - (b) Approved Category I or II private schools required to comply with the same number of instructional days as Tennessee public schools shall not be required to comply with the 180 instructional day requirement in the 2019-20 school year if the private school was unable to meet the 180 day requirement due to school closures as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
  - (c) For students scheduled to graduate from high school in the 2019-20 school year, approved private schools required to meet the same minimum requirements for high school graduation as Tennessee public schools shall be subject to the amended requirements outlined in State Board Emergency Rule 0520-01-03-.11.

**Authority:** Executive Order No. 14 of 2020 (and applicable, subsequent Executive Orders addressing COVID-19 relief), Public Chapter 652 of 2020. **Administrative History:**