
**Academic and Instructional Requirements - Universal Student Screeners and State Adopted
Benchmark Assessments Rule 0520-01-03-.15**

The Background:

The Universal Student Screeners and State Adopted Benchmark Assessments Rule 0520-01-03-.15 outlines requirements for local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to annually administer approved universal reading screeners to K-3 students in accordance with the Tennessee Literacy Success Act (T.C.A. § 49-1-901, et seq.). The rule also effectuates requirements of the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act (T.C.A. § 49-6-1501, et seq.) regarding the use of benchmark assessments to identify priority students for summer programming and pre- and post-test requirements.

Chapter 639 of the Public Acts of 2024 (PC 639) amended the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act to remove the requirement that LEAs and public charter schools administer a pre-test in summer learning camps, after-school mini camps, and learning loss bridge camps. As such, this item updates the rule to remove references to pre-test to align with PC 639.

State Board staff will hold a rulemaking hearing between first and final reading to collect public feedback.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by ensuring State Board rules are aligned with recently passed legislation.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.