



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MARCH 22, 2024

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Confirmations for Chris Richards, Tom Griscom, and Lauren Smith have passed the General Assembly and been signed by Governor Lee.
- Budget presentations went well, and the administration's amendment expected in the next few weeks.
- Committees are beginning to close.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Charter-specific legislation
 - Charter school facilities bill
 - Paid family leave
 - Innovative School District Act
- Legislation affecting all schools
 - Gun safety training
 - Flags
 - Library materials
 - Cell-phone ban
 - Curriculum changes



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Education Freedom Scholarships
 - Administration version
 - House Version
 - Senate Version
- 4th Grade Retention
 - Legislative proposals
 - State Board of Education updates



CURRENT 3RD GRADE PATHWAYS

- 3rd Grade
 - Multiple pathways for promotion for students who score “below” or “approaching” on TCAP
 - Take a retest and achieve proficiency on ELA TCAP
 - Participation in a learning loss summer camp
 - Participation in 4th grade tutoring
 - New pathway: a student is at or above the 50th percentile on the most recently administered state-provide benchmark assessment if the student opts into tutoring during the 4th grade.



CURRENT 4TH GRADE PATHWAYS

- 4th Grade
 - Current pathway for promotion: A student who was promoted to the 4th grade with required tutoring must meet an adequate growth on 4th grade ELA TCAP to be promoted to the 5th grade.
 - The State Board of Education approved the calculation on February 16, 2024, and districts received student-level calculations the week of March 4.
 - Districts will receive results on adequate growth for students by July 1.





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