



TCAP 2021



“The Right Time Is Always Now...”

**White Station Middle School
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PURPOSE



- The Tennessee Department of Education has widened its testing window by several weeks to offer more flexibility for unforeseen circumstances that may disrupt testing such as the potential for illness and mandated quarantine protocols.
- The tests are administered in accordance with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 and T.C.A. §49-1-602, which pertains to district and school accountability. Additionally, modified assessments in Braille and large print are also provided in accordance with ESSA and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1990.
- TCAP assessments will be given to students in grades 3-8 and end-of-course exams will be given to our high school students.



Attendance Counts

Students who attend school on testing days will receive a 100 class participation grade in every tested subject.

Attendance counts on testing days, and only students who come to school in person will be counted as present.

If all students do not take the test at school on testing days, funding for the school and District could be impacted. This could cause us to have fewer teachers and staff and/or fewer resources to support our students.





Safety First

All students will test in classrooms-no more than 14 students per room

All students will be socially distanced 6ft apart

All students will always wear masks while inside the building

All safety protocols will be administered



How Many Students Do We Need?



**It's All In The
Numbers!**

Parent Transportation Survey



The State of Tennessee requires all students in grades 3 through 8 and all high school students in courses with a state End of Course test to be tested as part of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP).



The state tests are all administered with paper and pencil and must be given in person at all schools, so it is imperative that parents are informed of their child(ren) being required to attend school on testing day.



Transportation may be available for those who live beyond 1.5 miles for elementary/middle and beyond 2 miles for high school students.



A transportation survey is available for parents in the Power School Portal.

Thematic Dress Down Days/100 Class
Participation Grade



**School-wide
Incentives**





2021 STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

(TCAP/EOC)



Below is a schedule of when in-school tests will be administered for students in grades 3-8 (TCAP) and tested high school subjects (EOC). Families should contact their child's school for additional questions about the testing schedule.

	English Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
Grade 6	Subpart 1: 85 min. (writing) Subpart 2: 50 min. Subpart 3: 50 min. Subpart 4: 45 min. Total: 230 min.	Subpart 1: 40 min. (no calculator) Subpart 2: 35 min. (calculator) Subpart 3: 50 min. (calculator) Total: 125 min.	Subpart 1: 75 min. Total: 75 min.	Subpart 1: 50 min. Subpart 2: 50 min. Total: 100 min.
Grade 7	Subpart 1: 85 min. (writing) Subpart 2: 50 min. Subpart 3: 50 min. Subpart 4: 45 min. Total: 230 min.	Subpart 1: 40 min. (no calculator) Subpart 2: 35 min. (calculator) Subpart 3: 50 min. (calculator) Total: 125 min.	Subpart 1: 75 min. Total: 75 min.	Subpart 1: 50 min. Subpart 2: 50 min. Total: 100 min.
Grade 8	Subpart 1: 85 min. (writing) Subpart 2: 50 min. Subpart 3: 50 min. Subpart 4: 45 min. Total: 230 min.	Subpart 1: 40 min. (no calculator) Subpart 2: 35 min. (calculator) Subpart 3: 50 min. (calculator) Total: 125 min.	Subpart 1: 75 min. Total: 75 min.	Subpart 1: 50 min. Subpart 2: 50 min. Total: 100 min.

May

TNReady Test (Testing Options)



Ready

2021

Middle School

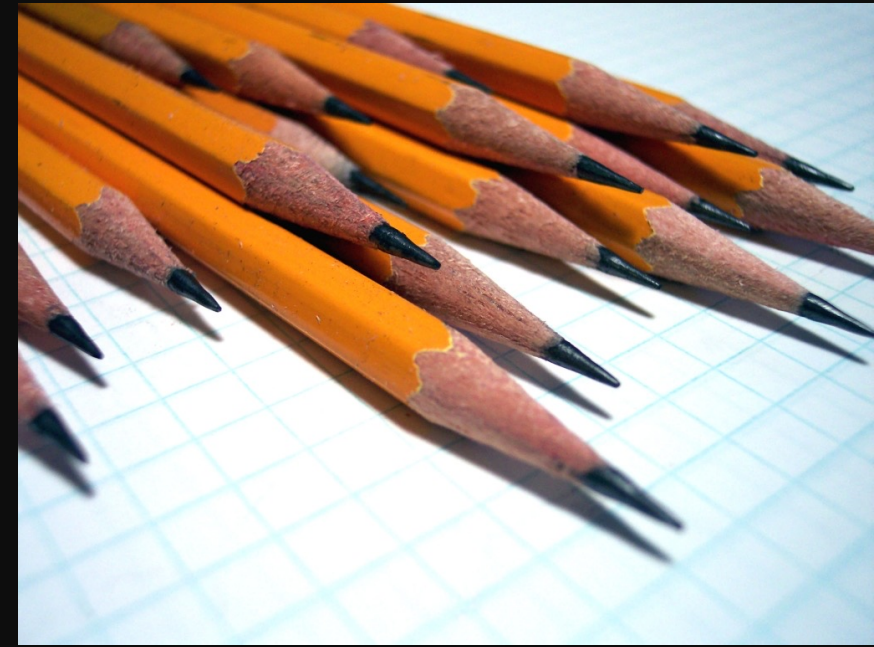
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School-wide Testing Procedures



What to bring to school?

3-4 Sharpened #2 Pencils
SCS issued Device





TCAP TESTING PROTOCOLS

- **General Education students will test in the classroom, socially distanced 6ft apart. Students will go directly to the classroom on their testing day(s).**
- **Pull-Out Small Groups for students with accommodations will be tested in the support classrooms.**
- **Students can be picked up from school at the conclusion of testing.**



TCAP TESTING PROTOCOLS

- Drop-Off time will start at 6:45 am (PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS BEFORE THIS TIME FOR SAFETY)
- Parents will check students' temperatures before leaving home.
- Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted to walk students to class or to the door.
- Students will be required to wear masks over their nose and mouth before entering the building and must keep their mask on unless eating or at mask break.
- Students must stand 6 feet apart while waiting to enter the building according to school procedures (markers are on the ground outside to indicate 6 ft).
- Upon arrival, students will undergo temperature check(s) at the school.



TCAP TESTING SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Student temperatures will be checked after exiting the car.
 - Temperatures of 100.4+ will not be allowed into the building.
- Walkers will have their temperatures checked before entering the building
 - Temperatures of 100.4+ will not be allowed into the building.
- Students will enter through the main entrance.

- Parents are asked to drop children off at their designated drop off location, which is in the main drive.



During Inclement weather situations, students will sit in the cafeteria, gymnasium or library to maintain social distance.



TCAP TESTING SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Car Riders

1. Parents pull up to the main entry.
2. Students should go directly into the building through their entry door, after their temperature is checked.
3. Students should go directly to their classroom.
4. Students will learn of their report location from their teacher before they report to the building.

Walkers

1. Walkers will stop at the person checking temperatures on the sidewalk in front of their entry door.
2. Once temperature is checked, the student may enter the building.



TCAP TESTING SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Restroom breaks, lunch breaks and masks breaks will be scheduled on a staggered basis and will be aligned with the most current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) guidelines.
- We will do our best to ensure that cohorts (grade levels) do not encounter other cohorts throughout the school day.
 - Each cohort (grade level) will have a specific route they travel when transitioning.
 - Transitions include lunch, restroom, arrival, and dismissal.
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled so that one grade level is in the hallway at a time to the best of our ability.
 - Students will be permitted to use the restroom in-between if they must.
 - We encourage all students to use the restroom at their designated time.
 - Restrooms will be cleaned by Service Master staff after each cohort is finished.



TCAP TESTING SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- **Masks breaks will be staggered on the school's parking lot. Students will have the back lot and football field for physical movement while maintaining social distancing.**
- **During inclement weather students will engage in physical activity at their seats or possibly in the gymnasium utilizing a schedule to maintain social distancing.**
- **Students will sanitize their hands before and after masks breaks.**





TCAP TESTING PROTOCOLS

- **Students will be served lunch in the cafeteria and we will adhere to social distancing guidelines.**
- **Breakfast – Students will eat in the cafeteria from 6:50 – 7:00.**
- **Students can bring their own lunch to school.**
- **Parents will not be able to visit the school to eat lunch with their children during lunch or bring lunches to the students.**
- **Virtual parents will still be able to pick up meals at school sites on the designated days.**





School Dismissal Protocols

- At the close of the school day, teachers and Service Master staff will disinfect classroom supplies and materials (i.e., computer keyboards, desktops, calculators, etc.).
- End-of-day dismissals will be scheduled on a staggered basis and will include the six-foot social distancing protocol.
 - Bus riders – 2:05 pm
 - Walkers/Aftercare – 2:10 pm
 - Car Riders – 2:15 pm
 - Parents should remain in their vehicles while awaiting student dismissal.
 - Once children have come out, parents should leave campus to avoid crowding



TCAP TESTING PROTOCOLS



- Parents will not be allowed to enter the building to pick up their students.
- Students will depart the school building at the same location they enter the building.
- Parents should wait in the car for students to exit the building.
- Students will be required to wear a mask as they exit the building.
- All walkers must begin walking home once they have exited the building.



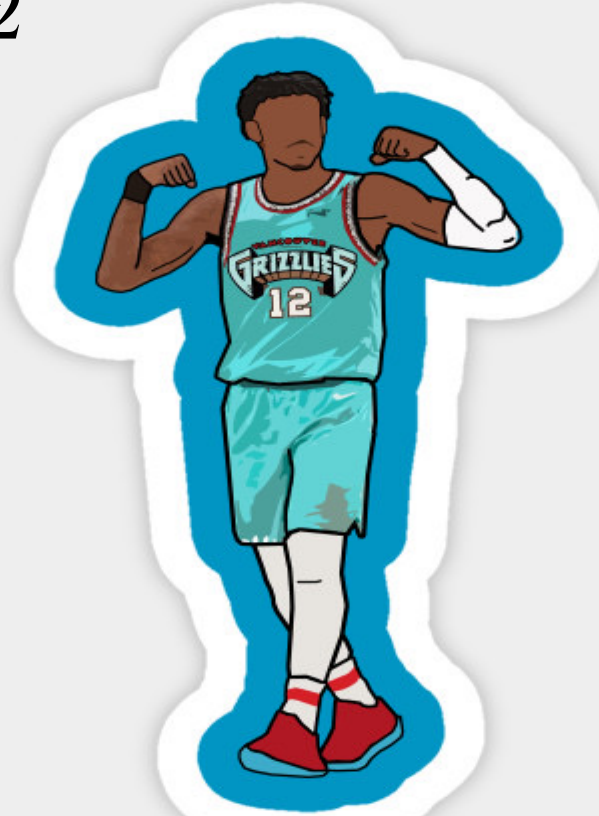
TCAP (Day 1)
Green and Jean



Students may wear school uniforms or participate in thematic days. Jeans can be worn all week (no rips/tears/distressed).

It's All About the Numbers!

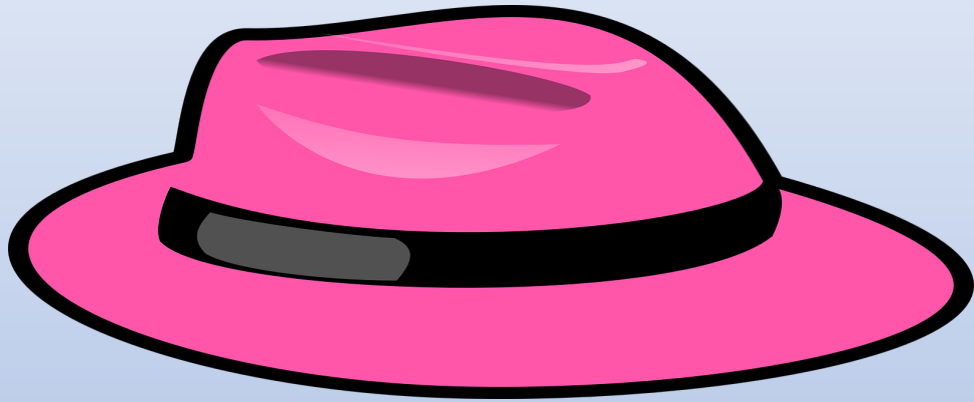
Day 2



Wear your favorite jersey to school.

Hat and Sock Day

Day 3



Wear your favorite hat and crazy socks.





Student Safety First





QUESTIONS



- Are students required to take state tests this year?

Yes. The State is requiring that students in all Tennessee public schools take the TCAP and End of Course (EOC) tests. This includes all students in grades 3 - 8 and high school tested subjects.

- Will the tests be given in person or virtually? In-Person

The State requires the paper tests to be given in person. Tests will begin in SCS schools May 3.

- Why is it necessary to give the test?

In addition to being a state and federal requirement, state tests have not been administered since 2019.

Test scores are also very important because they provide information parents and teachers can use to support each student.

- What steps are schools taking to make sure it is safe for all students to take the test in person?

We are prioritizing student health and safety as we prepare to administer the required in-person tests.

- Will transportation and meals be provided for students who are currently learning virtually?

Yes. Transportation will be available for eligible students who live beyond the Parent Responsibility Zone (PRZ) during normal pick-up and drop-off times. Parents of virtual students also have the option to drop off and pick up virtual students at designated testing times or allow students remain in-person the entire day. Meals will be provided to all students during in-school testing days, and students will have a relaxed dress code (no uniforms).

- Are students required to wear uniform on TCAP Administration days?

Students should wear the school uniform or participate in our thematic days.

- What time should I drop my student off to school? Pick up time?

Students should be dropped off as early as 6:45 in the morning and should be picked up at 2:15.

- Will students be required to wear a mask?

Students will be required to wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) at all times once entering the building. Students are also required to wear a mask until they exit the campus.

- What should my student bring on the day of testing?

Students should bring 2-3 Number 2 pencils and their device daily. What time will testing conclude each day? 2:00 pm

- Will my child be penalized if they do not test?

Students will be marked absent if they are not on-campus testing. Their grade will not be affected, as teachers will be administering the TCAP all three days. There will be no instruction during this time. Optional/Choice Transfers will not be affected if students are currently maintaining the program's expectations.