



**WE BELIEVE IN  
YOU:  
TEST TIME 2022**

# **2022 SCHOOL MESSAGING TOOLKIT**

**MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

# KEY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS



## WHY ARE WE GIVING THE TEST?

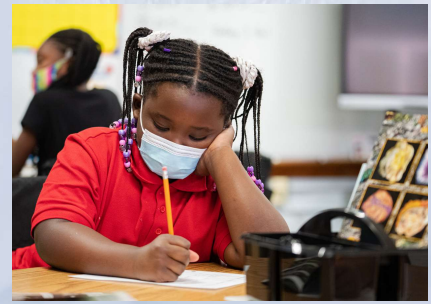
- TCAP/End of Course (EOC) tests are required by the state and federal governments.
- Tennessee requires all students in grades 3 - 8 and high school students in tested subjects to take the TCAP and EOC tests in person.

## WHY ARE THE TESTS IMPORTANT?

### THE TESTS:

- provide schools and families with information about how well students are meeting grade-level learning expectations.
- allow parents to see how their child is progressing compared to peers, as well as their strengths and opportunities for growth.
- are used to determine eligibility for placement in honors/advanced courses, as well as entry into the Optional or C.L.U.E program.
- help teachers determine additional personalized learning supports and interventions that may be needed to help a student succeed.
- hold schools accountable for ensuring equity in our instruction and serving all students fairly.
- highlight schools that are excelling, which helps more schools learn and apply those same best practices to support students.

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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO COME TO SCHOOL?

- 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.

## TEST PREPARATIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS

- Transportation provided for eligible students during normal pick-up and drop-off times
- Relaxed dress code (no uniforms) for students on testing days





# TEST TIPS



- **BE ENCOURAGED!**
  - **PARENTS AND TEACHERS, ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS.**
- **EAT A GOOD MEAL.**
- **MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE ON TIME AND IN GOOD HEALTH.**
- **GIVE YOUR BRAIN A BREAK.**
- **RELAX - DON'T RUSH!**
- **SET YOUR ALARM.**
- **DON'T STUDY TOO LATE.**
- **CELEBRATE!**
  - **DO SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S HARD WORK AND EFFORT**
  - **SHOW YOU LOVE THEM NO MATTER WHAT THE TEST SCORES.**