



Marion County Schools

Established in 1910

TN 3rd Grade and 4th Grade Promotion and Retention
2024-2025

TN Promotion and Retention Law

State Law: Students must be “on track” or “mastered” on the literacy portion of the 3rd grade TCAP to be promoted to the 4th grade.

From the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation & Student Acceleration Act
(January 2021)

TCAP Assessment Levels

1 Below Expectations

The student did not meet Tennessee's grade level expectations and has little knowledge of the skills and concepts in the subject.

2 Approaching Expectations

The student is approaching Tennessee's grade level expectations and has a partial understanding of the skills and concepts in the subject.

3 Met Expectations

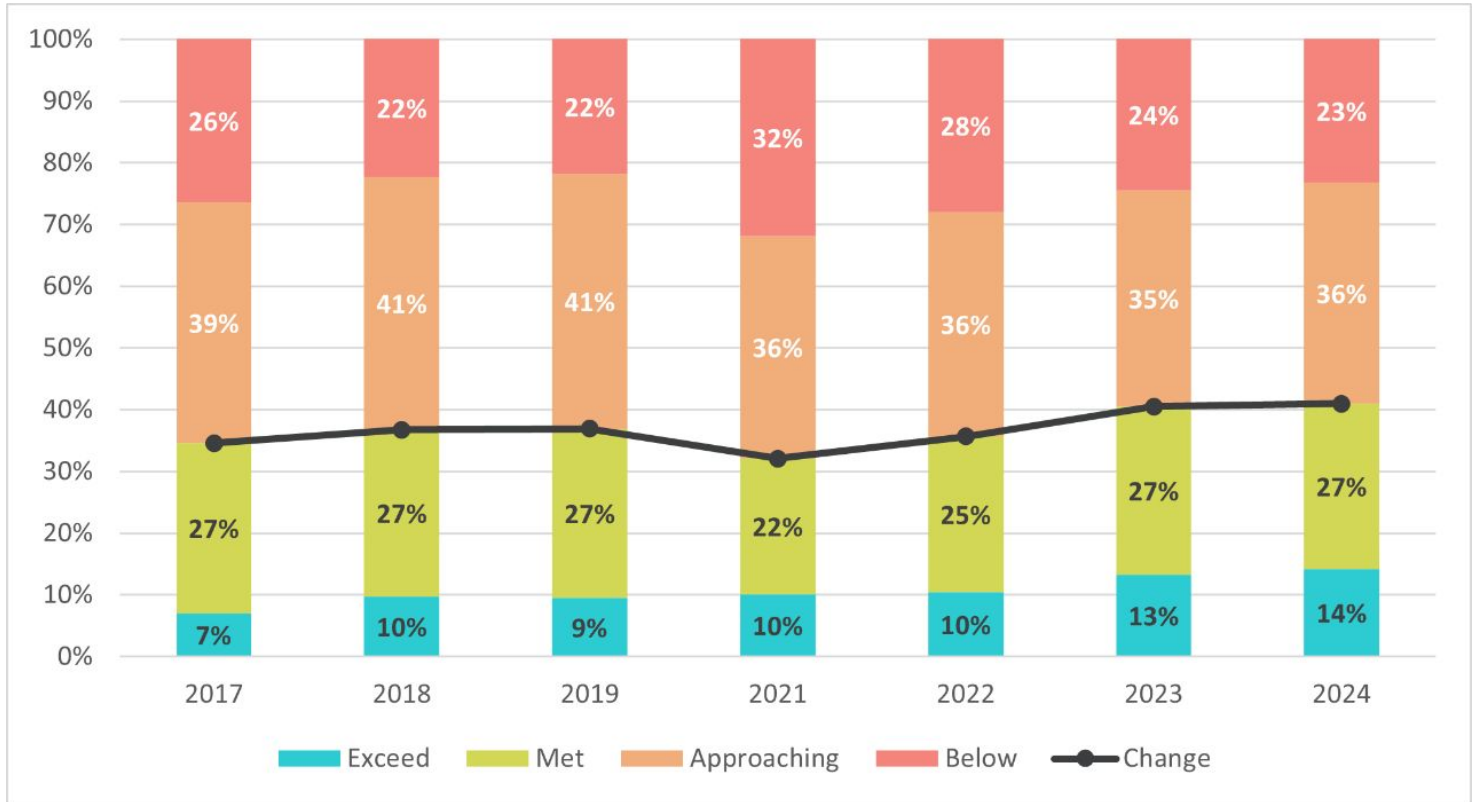
The student met Tennessee's grade level expectations and has a thorough understanding of the skills and concepts in the subject.

4 Exceeded Expectations

The student met Tennessee's grade level expectations and understands the most complex skills and concepts in the subject.

Where is this coming from?

Statewide
Averages of
3rd Grade
ELA
Performance
2017-2024



ELA TCAP Score **"EXCEEDS"** or **"MEETS"** Expectations

ELA TCAP Score **"APPROACHING"** or **"BELOW"** Expectations *may be promoted if...*

GRADE 3

APPROACHING

OR



Student scores at or above the 50th percentile on the spring administration of the state-provided Universal Reading Screener (*aimsWeb*)

AND



Student receives free TN ALL Corps tutoring for the entirety of 4th grade

OR



Student retests and scores proficient on ELA TCAP retake

OR



Student maintains a 90% attendance at Summer Camp (*Schools can provide make-up days for Summer Camp*) and demonstrates adequate growth on summer camp post test

OR



Student receives free TN ALL Corps tutoring during 4th grade

OR

OR



Parent (or authorized school personnel) appeals retention decision, documenting a score at or above the 40th percentile on TN-URS or approved URS AND an academic remediation plan AND unanimous recommendation for promotion from ELA teacher and principal, AND receives free TN ALL Corps tutoring during 4th grade

OR



Parent (or authorized school personnel) appeals the retention decision, documenting a catastrophic event on or within 60 days of the test date that impacts the student's ability to perform on the TCAP

BELOW

OR



Student retests and scores proficient on ELA TCAP retake

AND



Student receives free TN ALL Corps tutoring during 4th grade

OR

GRADE 4

GRADE 5

Student demonstrates adequate growth on the 4th grade ELA TCAP

Student does not demonstrate adequate growth, conference convened to determine promotion with free tutoring

Student demonstrates adequate growth on the 4th grade ELA TCAP

Student does not demonstrate adequate growth, conference convened to determine promotion with free tutoring

The following students are exempt from 3rd grade retention:



English learners with <2 years ELA instruction



Previously retained in grades K-3



Disability that impacts reading



Suspected disability that impacts reading

2021 TN Learning Loss Remediation & Student Acceleration Act

3rd Grade students with an “approaching” score must:

Score at or above 50th percentile on aimsWeb URS **AND** participate in tutoring for the entirety of 4th grade
OR
Retest and score proficient on ELA TCAP retake
OR
Maintain 90% camp attendance at **AND** demonstrate adequate growth on the post-test administered at the end of camp
OR
Participate in tutoring for the entire 4th grade year
OR
An appeal is granted

3rd Grade students with a “below” score must:

Retest and score proficient on ELA TCAP retake
OR
Attend learning loss bridge camp and

- Maintain 90% camp attendance

AND

- Participate in tutoring for the entire 4th grade year

4th Grade Retention:

Participating in tutoring **ONLY** requires AG on 4th Grade ELA TCAP or 100% agreement among stakeholders to move forward **with** tutoring in 5th Grade

AG is required on 4th Grade ELA TCAP or 100% agreement among stakeholders to move forward **with** tutoring in 5th Grade

Exemptions for Approaching Expectations

- Student has a disability or is suspected to have a disability that affects their ability to read
- Student has been previously retained
- Student is an English Learner with less than 2 years of English instruction
- Student scored 50th percentile or above on an approved benchmark assessment
 - New amendment to current bill. Student MUST attend tutoring in the 4th grade.

Exemptions we provide

- ★ Student can retest and score “on track” or “mastered”
- ★ Student attends **our Summer Learning Program** for 90% of the time and shows adequate growth
- ★ High dosage low ratio tutoring for the entirety of school year
- ★ Appeal is approved by the TDOE

Exemptions for Below Expectations

- Student has a disability or is suspected to have a disability that affects their ability to read
- Student has been previously retained
- Student is an English Learner with less than 2 years of English instruction

Exemptions we provide

- ★ Student can retest and score “on track” or “mastered”
- ★ Student attends our **Summer Learning Program** for 90% of the time, shows adequate growth, and receives high dosage low ratio tutoring for the entirety of the next school year

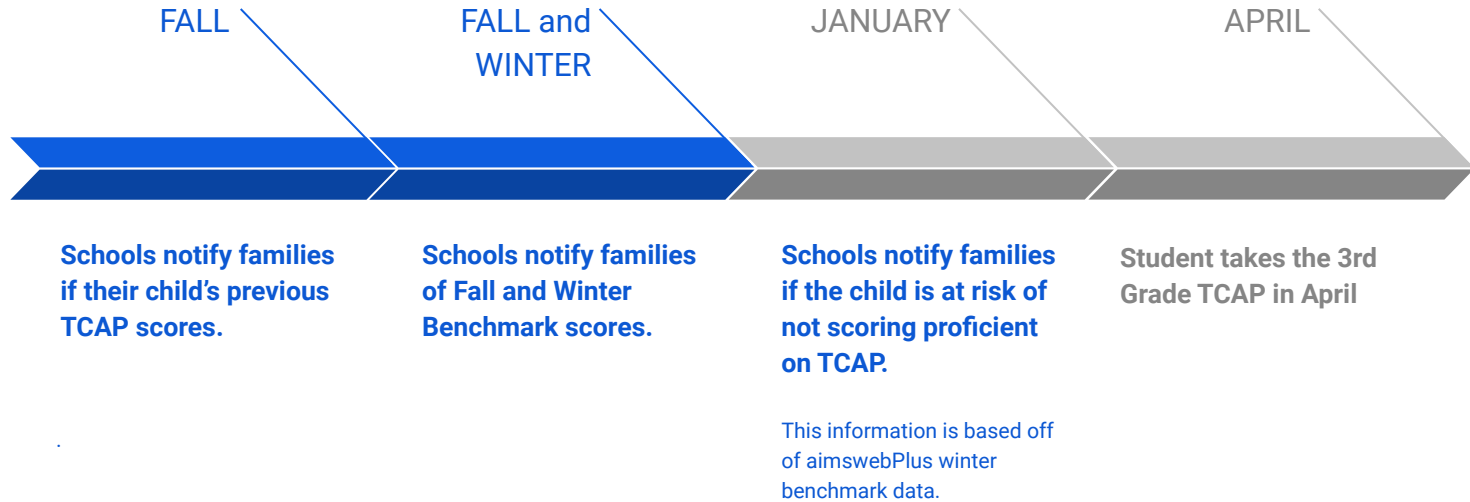
TCAP (TNReady)

When is it? Grades 2-4: Window BEGINS April 14th

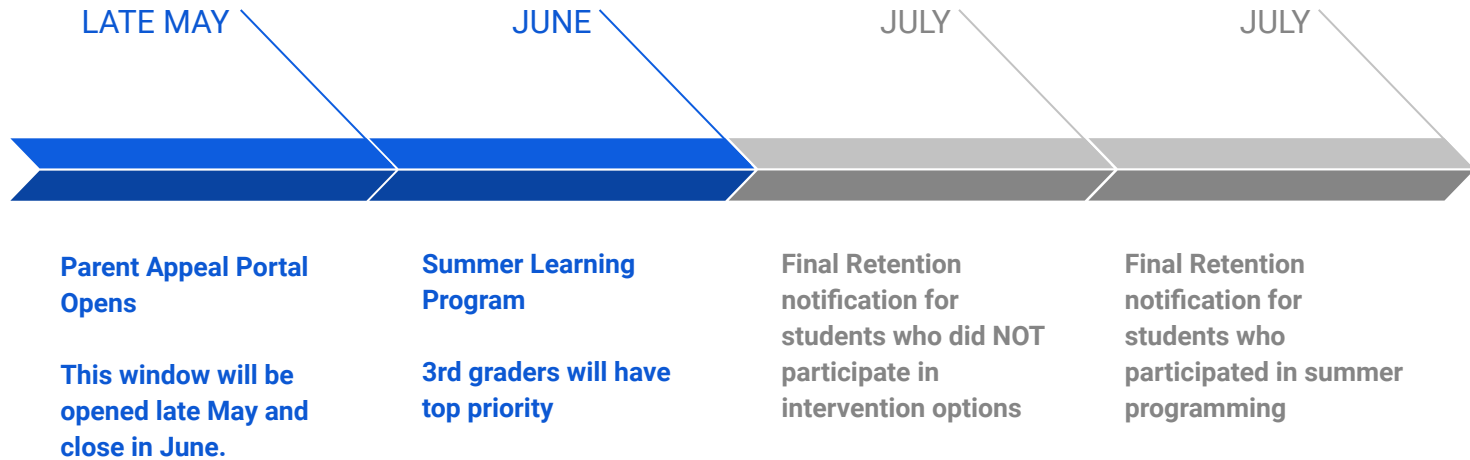
What can I do to help my child?

- Be aware of how your child is scoring on the aimswebPlus universal screener
- Read with your child at home
- Check out these resources:
 - [Best for All Central Family Reading Resources](#)
 - [Best for All Central Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Family Resources](#)
 - [Understanding Student Testing: A Toolkit for Families](#)
 - *NEW [Understanding Literacy: A Toolkit for Families](#)
 - *NEW [Supporting Literacy at Home: A Toolkit for Families](#)

Timeline



Timeline (Continued)

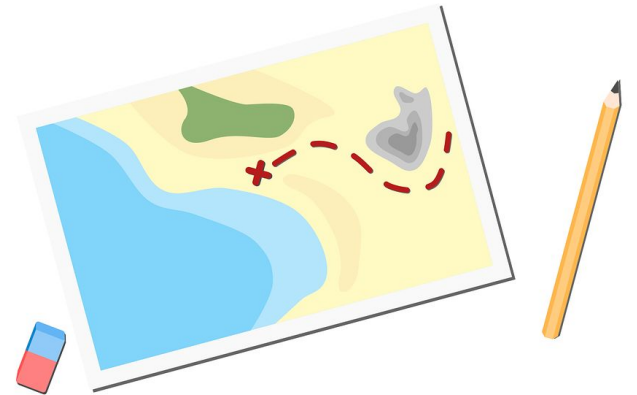


Summer Learning Program - TBD

Window for Program - Last week of May - Last week of June

7:45am- 3:00pm, Monday-Thursday

State requires 90% attendance rate for **Summer Learning Program** for promotion to 4th grade





If you have any questions, please contact

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