

Department of Education

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Mark Briscoe, Director

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Chapter 978 of the Public Acts of 2022 (PC978), codified at Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6015, allows for the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) to be administered in a timed format. The law, as amended, requires the Tennessee Department of Education (the department) to establish the Required Time limit for each TCAP TNReady or End of Course (EOC) test, as well as an additional "Optional Time", (also known as Requested Time), a period that test administrators at Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools may add to the Required Time limit for each test if requested by a parent or student.

The required times for each test have been determined by the department and must be provided to all students to ensure standardized testing procedures. The required times posted for the TCAP tests were developed to represent the testing time appropriate for at least 95% of students. Allowable optional time may be added to the required time provided for a TCAP test if requested by a parent or student, as outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6015. Allowable optional additional time has been published in testing timing documents. At the end of the required time for each test, the test administrator will ask if any students would like to request additional time. If students request additional time, test administrators will allow students who have requested additional time to continue to test for the allowable optional time specified for the individual test. If no students request additional time and the test administrator monitoring the test notices all students have sufficiently completed their assessments, the test administrator will end the test session at the time specified as the required time for the specific test.

In order for this option to be equally accessible to all students and to avoid disruption during testing time, the LEAs have been encouraged to make parents and students aware of this option prior to testing time. Optional Time allowed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6015 does not supersede an LEA or public charter school's obligation to comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.), or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794). Optional Time, therefore, should NOT be provided as a replacement for an extended time accommodation already outlined in existing IEP, ILP, and/or 504 plans.

Additional information, including a list of required time and optional time for each test, is available at <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html>. If parents or students have any additional questions regarding TCAP allowable optional time, please contact your student's school or Staci Gray at 865-828-3611.

Sincerely,



Mark Briscoe
Director of Schools

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2022-23 TCAP EOC Time Limits

Secondary Content area	Subpart 1	Subpart 2	Subpart 3	Total Time
English I & II	85 minutes **17 min.	75 minutes **15 min.	70 minutes **14 min.	230 minutes (276 min.)
Integrated Math I, II, III	35 minutes No Calculator **7 min.	50 minutes **10 min.	60 minutes **12 min.	145 minutes (174 min.)
Algebra I, II Geometry	35 minutes No Calculator ** 7 min.	50 minutes **10 min.	60 minutes **12 min.	145 minutes (174 min.)
U.S. History	45 minutes **9 min.	45 minutes ** 9 min.		90 minutes (108 min.)
Biology	75 minutes **15 min.			75 minutes (90 min.)

*For additional details see the test Blueprints on our website ([here](#)).

**If requested by a parent or student, a test administrator may allow a student additional 20% (calculated above) of testing time per subpart, to ensure students are able to finish. The original times posted above represent testing time appropriate for 95% of students. TAs may add the additional time listed as requested while adhering to all test security measures and test procedures. <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0978.pdf>

Note: Braille versions of English I and English II contain four subparts rather than three. The following times are the breakdown for Subpart 2-4: Subpart 2 is 50 minutes (questions 5-16); Subpart 3 is 50 minutes (questions 17-34); and Subpart 4 is 50 minutes (questions 35-51).

2022-23 TCAP Achievement Testing Times

Grade	English/Language Arts (ELA)	Math	Science	Social Studies
Grade 3	Subpart 1: 80 min. Section 1a: 15 min.* (5 min.) Section 1b: 25 min. (5 min.) Section 1c: 15 min.* (5 min.) Section 1d: 25 min. (5 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 4: 30 min. (6 min.) Total: 180 min. (220 min.)	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Total: 115 min. (138 min.)	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.) Total: 50 min. (60 min.)	N/A
Grade 4	Subpart 1: 80 min. (16 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 4: 30 min. (6 min.) Total: 180 min. (216 min.)	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Total: 115 min. (138 min.)	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.) Total: 50 min. (60 min.)	N/A
Grade 5	Subpart 1: 80 min. (16 min.) Subpart 2: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 4: 40 min. (8 min.) Total: 200 min (240 min.)	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Total: 115 min. (138 min.)	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 45 min. (9 min.) Total: 90 min. (108 min.)	N/A

Grade	English/Language Arts (ELA)	Math	Science	Social Studies
Grade 6	Subpart 1: 85 min. (17 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 4: 45 min. (9 min.) Total: 230 min. (276 min.)	Subpart 1: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 2: 35 min. (7 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) Total: 125 min. (150 min.)	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 45 min. (9 min.) Total: 90 min. (108 min.)	Subpart 1: 50 min (10 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min (10 min.) Total: 100 min. (120 min.)

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According to [Public Chapter 978](#) passed by the Tennessee 112th General Assembly, if requested by a parent or student, a test administrator (TA) may allow a student an additional optional time period (calculated above), to ensure students are able to finish the assessments completely. The required times posted above represent testing time appropriate for 95% of students. TAs may add the optional additional time, up to the amount listed in parenthesis, as requested while adhering to all test security measures and test procedures. Additional optional requested time allowed by PC978 does not supersede a Local Education Agency (LEA) or public charter school's obligation to comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.), or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794). Additional time requested, therefore, **should NOT** take the place of extra time accommodations outlined in a student's individual educational plan (IEP), individual learning plan (ILP), and/or Section 504 plan.

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