

Third Grade Parent Night

February 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM



Third Grade Retention and Remediation

- Passed in 2021
- TN Literacy Success Act and TN Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act
- Created to address learning loss after COVID
- In 2021, the Tennessee General Assembly passed TCA 49-6-3115. This law states that **third-grade students who do not show proficiency on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) may have requirements related to summer school and/or tutoring to be promoted to fourth grade.**

3rd Grade ELA TCAP Test

- This test consists of 4 subparts.
 - Subpart 1 (Writing)- 80 minutes
 - Subpart 2- 30 minutes
 - Subpart 3- 40 minutes
 - Subpart 4- 30 minutes
- Student Scores will score in one of 4 categories.
 - Exceed (Level 4)
 - On Track (Level 3)
 - Approaching (Level 2)
 - Below (Level 1)
- Those scoring in the Approaching or Below Categories will be impacted this year.

Students Scoring “Approaching”

- A student scoring in the “APPROACHING” category on the ELA portion of the student’s most recent TCAP test, may be promoted to the fourth grade IF:
 - The student is an English Language learner (ELL) and has received less than 2 full years of English instruction.
 - The student was previously retained in any grade in K-3.
 - The student is identified as having a disability or a suspected disability that impacts their ability to read.
 - The student is re-tested in accordance with TDOE guidelines before the beginning of the next school year and scores on track in ELA.
 - **The student attends a summer camp before the beginning of the next school year, maintains a 90% attendance rate, and the student’s performance on the post-test at the end of camp demonstrates adequate progress. OR**
 - **The student receives high dosage, low ratio tutoring during the entire 4th grade school year.**

APPROACHING

YOUR CHILD SCORES

"APPROACHING"

My child has a disability.

My child is an English learner and has received less than two (2) years of English instruction.

My child has been retained previously.

My child has a suspected disability* that impacts literacy development.

My child was on-grade level on the re-take test.

I enrolled my child in summer programming with 90% attendance and made adequate growth.

I allow my child to receive free tutoring at school during 4th grade.

Students Scoring “Below”

- A student scoring in the “BELOW” category on the ELA portion of the student’s most recent TCAP test, may be promoted to the fourth grade IF:
 - The student is an English Language learner (ELL) and has received less than 2 full years of English instruction.
 - The student was previously retained in any grade in K-3.
 - The student is identified as having a disability or a suspected disability that impacts their ability to read.
 - The student is re-tested in accordance with TDOE guidelines before the beginning of the next school year and scores on track in ELA.
 - **The student attends a summer camp before the beginning of the next school year, maintains a 90% attendance rate, and the student’s performance on the post-test at the end of camp demonstrates adequate progress AND**
 - **The student receives high dosage, low ratio tutoring during the entire 4th grade school year.**

BELOW

YOUR CHILD SCORES "BELOW"

My child has a disability.

My child is an English learner and has received less than two (2) years of English instruction.

My child has been retained previously.

My child has a suspected disability* that impacts literacy development.

My child was on-grade level on the re-take test.

I enrolled my child in summer programming with 90% attendance and made adequate growth.

AND

I allow my child to receive free tutoring at school during 4th grade.

Timeline for Communication

- ❑ December 5 - February 3: Aim's Web Winter Benchmark
- ❑ February 1: Potential Retention Letters Sent Home
- ❑ April 17- May 2: TCAP Window
- ❑ May 1- May 11: Aim's Web Spring Benchmark
- ❑ May 19: TCAP Raw Data Delivered to Schools
- ❑ May 26: Scale Scores Delivered to Schools to Determine Reporting Categories
- ❑ May 26: Last Day of School in Giles County
- ❑ May 30-June 5: TCAP Re-Take Window Open (48 Hour Score Return)
- ❑ May 30- June 13: Parent Appeal Window
- ❑ June 7: Re-test Scores Delivered to Schools

Criteria for Promotion

if no exemptions apply

- Students Who Score APPROACHING:
 - Attend summer camp
 - Maintain 90% attendance rate
 - Demonstrate adequate progress on the post-test
 - **OR**
 - Attend high dosage, low ratio tutoring in 4th grade for the entire year
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Criteria for Promotion

if no exemptions apply

- Students Who Score BELOW:
 - Attend summer camp
 - Maintain 90% attendance rate
 - Demonstrate adequate progress on the post-test
 - **AND**
 - Attend high dosage, low ratio tutoring in 4th grade for the entire year
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Re-Take TCAP Option

- Very little is known about the logistics now
- Window is May 30-June 5
- 48 hour turnaround time for scores
- Will be an online, multiple choice test which is much shorter (approximately an hour)
- No writing portion

Appeal Process

- Appeals must be filed with the TN Department of Education.
- Only allowable for those in “approaching” category
- They can decide whether to hear the appeal.
- They may use Aim’s Web benchmark scores to make a decision.
- The Appeal Window opens May 30-June 13, and we can share more about the process if interested.