



Lunchtime Leaders

Are you ready for TNReady?

Comprehensive Testing Program

- Students' skills and academic progress are measured by a set of statewide assessments called the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program, or TCAP.
 - High school students take End of Course exams
 - Students in grades 3-8 take the Achievement Test
 - For districts who choose to participate, students in grades K-2 take the K-2 Assessment Test (formerly SAT-10)
 - A student who has a significant cognitive disability is eligible to participate in the state alternate assessment program
- Additionally, districts may engage in universal screeners and other formative assessments on an on-going basis
- Students who are classified as English Learners are required to participate in an annual English Language Proficiency Assessment
 - ACCESS for ELLs



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Accessibility

Testing Accessibility

- TNReady has been intentionally designed to provide tools to support all students. Accessibility features and testing conditions will help all student digest material, focus on the content, and feel comfortable during the test administration.

3 Testing Supports for ALL Students



Testing Conditions



Built-in Features



Optional Features

In the past, testing supports were only available to students with special needs. Now, testing supports are available to all students.

TESTING CONDITIONS



Preferential Seating



Small Groups



Classroom Atmosphere



Every child deserves to have a comfortable, distraction-free testing environment. This could mean testing in a small group, preferential seating, or being seated at special furniture.

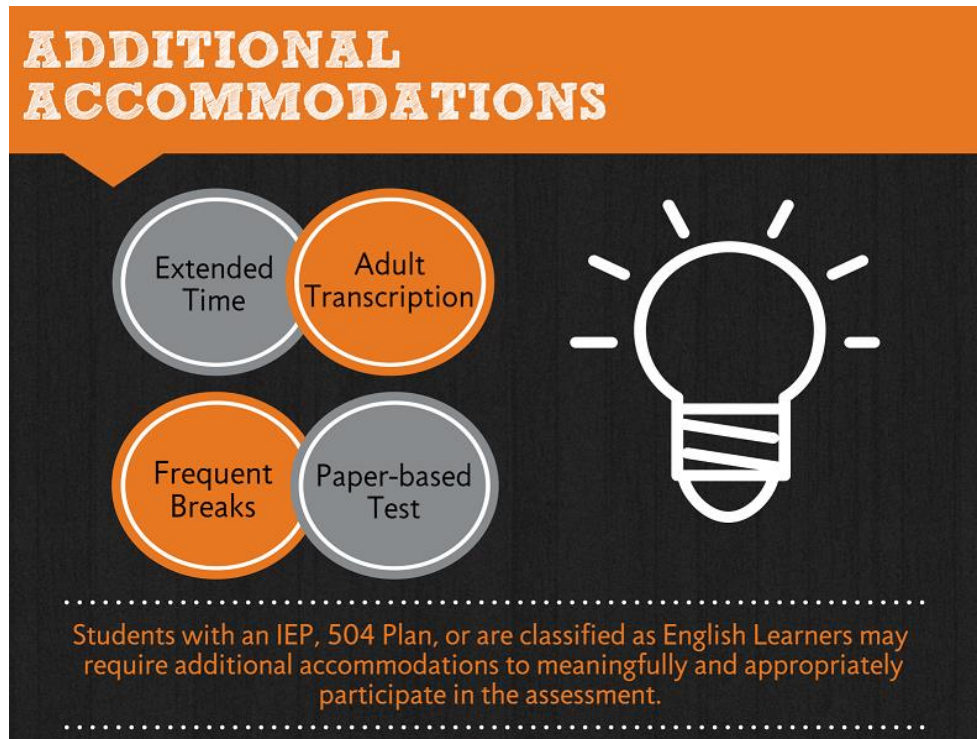
Additionally, in an effort to keep the environment familiar for students, teachers no longer have to cover up their classroom walls. This means that posters, word walls, graphic organizers, encouraging quotes, and reminders can remain visible during the test.

Testing Accommodations

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- The necessary accommodations available on last year's TCAP in math and English language arts *will* be available this year on TNReady.
 - As with the majority of tests, standardized testing accommodations can vary from the everyday accommodations that teachers use in class.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

- Students with disabilities may also use any allowable accommodations designated in their IEP or 504 Plan.
- Examples include: assistive technology, extended time, text-to-speech (i.e., “read aloud”), and visual representations for math.



Testing Supports for All Students

- Testing/Accommodation Chart
 - Testing Conditions
 - Built-In Features
 - Automatically available to any student at any time
 - Optional Features
 - Based on individual student need
 - Accommodations
 - IEP/504 Plan
 - English Learners

Testing Conditions & Accommodations

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Testing Conditions and Accommodations 2015-16 School Year

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	IEP / 504	EL	Any	IEP / 504	EL	Any	IEP / 504	EL	Any
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Text-to-Speech / Read Aloud / Human Signer for Test Instructions			X			X			X
Visual Aids / Magnification / Color Contrast / Masking			X			X			X
Auditory Aids / Amplification / Noise Buffer			X			X			X
Calculator						**	X		
Braille / Paper Test	X			X					X
Text-to-Speech / Read Aloud / Human Signer for Test Items	X					X	X	X	
Rest / Breaks / Multiple Same Day Sessions	X	X		X	X				X
Visual Representations for Math				X					
Manipulatives							X		
Prompting Upon Request							X		
Adult Transcription / Scribe / Speech-to-Text	X			X					X
Word-to-Word Dictionary		X			X			X	
Extended Time	X	X		X	X		X	X	
Assistive Technology	X			X			X		

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English Learners

- First Year Exemption
 - ELA and Social Studies
 - Participate in Math and Science
 - Must indicate EL Excluded
- Accessibility
 - Text to Speech for Math
 - Read Aloud for Science
- Accommodations
 - Extended Time
 - Word to Word Dictionary
 - Rest/Breaks

Questions

- What are the rules for ELL students regarding accommodations?
- Is the TNReady the same assessment that will be given to gifted students?
- What are the alternate assessment options now and the criteria for that and impact of taking an alternate assessment.
- Can you please explain the statewide change of accommodations and the impact on the IEP? Meaning-we had an accommodation in the IEP that is no longer allowed.
- What is the process for obtaining a "unique accommodation"?



Districts and schools in Tennessee will exemplify excellence and equity such that all students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to successfully embark on their chosen path in life.

Excellence | Optimism | Judgment | Courage | Teamwork