

2023 TN Literacy Success Act and the TN Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act



(T.C.A §49-6-3115)

What is the TN Literacy Success Act and TN Learning
Loss Remediation & Student Acceleration Act?



Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, based on the current state of the Tennessee Act, a student in the third grade shall not be promoted to the next grade level unless the student is determined to be proficient in English language arts (ELA) based on the student achieving a performance level rating of “met expectations” or “exceeded expectations” on the ELA portion of the student's most recent Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) test.



What is the purpose of this Act?

The Tennessee General Assembly passed this Act to help ensure Tennessee students could recover from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and close gaps in students' learning.



Which students are not impacted by 3rd grade retention?

Students that fall into the following categories are exempt from 3rd grade retention:

- English Language Learners with 2 or less years of English Language Instruction
- Students who have been previously retained in the grades kindergarten through third grade
- Students who have a disability that impacts reading
- Students who have a suspected disability that impacts reading



What students will be impacted by 3rd grade retention?

Students that take the 3rd Grade English Language Arts TCAP test and score:

“Approaching Expectations”

Or

“Below Expectations”



What are my options as a parent or guardian of a student that scored “approaching expectations” or “below expectations” on the Grade 3 English Language Arts TCAP assessment?



If my student scores “approaching expectations”, what are my options to be sure that they are promoted to 4th grade?



1. Students can retake the English Language Arts TCAP test and score proficient on the test.

The TCAP retake assessment will be multiple choice/ multiple choice select to allow for immediate scoring of the assessment. It will be administered on a computer and pre-equated to allow for a scale score to be produced within two business days.

The retake window will take place between May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.



2. Student attends Summer Camp at a 90% attendance rate AND must demonstrate improvement.

Our Summer Camp will run June 5th through June 30th.

Students will take a pre-test during the first week of camp; students will take a post-test the last week of camp. This will allow students to demonstrate improvement.



3. Student receives free tutoring during their 4th grade year.

During the student's 4th grade year, they will be provided with tutoring during the school day or after the regular school day, at no cost to the student's family.



4. Parent/guardian appeals the retention decision within 14 days of the official notification from their student's school, documenting student growth OR an event that impacts the student's ability to perform.





Are their requirements for the appeals process?

In order for a student to qualify for the appeals process, a student:

- Scores “Approaching Expectations” on the English Language Arts TCAP test.
- Must score in the 40th percentile or above on the final universal screening test given at the end of the school year.
- Has had a catastrophic situation in days leading up to testing.



Are there requirements for the appeals process?

Appeals must be submitted by June 30th, 2022.

The State of Tennessee's Department of Education's Appeals Form [can be found on the Tennessee Department of Education website.](#)



If my student scores “below expectations”, what are my options to be sure that they are promoted to 4th grade?



1. The student retests and scores proficient, or “meets expectations” on English Language TCAP.

The TCAP retake assessment will be multiple choice/ multiple choice select to allow for immediate scoring of the assessment. It will be administered on a computer and pre-equated to allow for a scale score to be produced within two business days.

The retake window will take place between May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.



2. Student maintains a 90% attendance at Summer Camp and demonstrates improvements, and student receives free tutoring during 4th grade.

Our Summer Camp will run June 5th through June 30th.

Students will take a pre-test during the first week of camp; students will take a post-test the last week of camp. This will allow students to demonstrate improvement.

During the student's 4th grade year, they will be provided with tutoring during the school day or after the regular school day, at no cost to the student's family.



Frequently Asked Questions



If my student scores “below expectations” or “approaching expectations” on the English Language TCAP assessments, are there any exceptions to exempt them from retention requirement?

If your child scores at “approaching” or “below” on the 3rd grade ELA TCAP, your child will NOT be retained if any of the following are true:

YOUR CHILD SCORES “APPROACHING”	YOUR CHILD SCORES “BELOW”
My child has a disability that impacts reading	My child has a disability that impacts reading.
My child is an English learner and has received less than two (2) years of English instruction.	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 been retained previously.
My child has a suspected disability* that impacts literacy development.	My child has a suspected disability* that impacts literacy development.
My child was on-grade level on the re-take test.	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 enrolled my child in summer programming with 90% attendance.
	AND
	I allow my child to receive free tutoring at school during 4 th grade.
I allow my child to receive free tutoring at school during 4 th grade.	



If my student attends the summer camp as a condition to being promoted to 4th grade and does not attend at least 90% of the days of the camp, will they automatically be retained?

The law requires that a student maintain 90% attendance rate at the camp as a condition of being promoted to the next grade. So, unless the student meets one of the other conditions to be promoted, the student would have to be retained.



If my student does not take the English Language Arts TCAP test for whatever reason, will they be promoted?

If a third grade student does not take the TCAP or generate a score on the ELA portion of the TCAP and does not qualify for an exemption, the student should be treated as if the student is not proficient in English Language Arts.

To be promoted to 4th grade, the student would have to meet one of the conditions outlined on slides 9 through 12.



Student Report	2022-23 Benchmark 3rd Grade ELA	Year Round/Traditional Final Comp Administration	<small>MASTERY VIEW Predictive Assessments</small>
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Name:	TN Achievement Levels & Descriptions:
Teacher:	1 - Below Expectations
Period:	2 - Approaching Expectations
School: Griffith Elem	3 - Met Expectations
District: Sequatchie County	4 - Exceeded Expectations

Assessment Results

The Achievement Levels provided in this report are projections for how the student will do on their State Test. These projections are based upon the student's performance on this benchmark assessment. *

Achievement Data:

2

Strand/Genre/Text Complexity

Strand	AchLev
Read Lit	2
Read Info	2
Conv	2
Read Vocab	3

Genre	AchLev
Literary	2
Nonfiction/Informational	2

Text Difficulty	AchLev
E - Easy	3
M - Medium	2
H - Hard	2

Depth of Knowledge

DoK1: Requires the basic recall of concepts, definitions, facts, and processes.

DoK1 Achievement Level:

2

DoK2: Requires the ability to apply skills and concepts, relationships, and main ideas.

DoK2 Achievement Level:

3

DoK3: Requires deep understanding as exhibited through planning, using evidence, and more demanding cognitive reasoning.

DoK3 Achievement Level:

1

Comparison

Number of items answered correctly on this assessment:

24

Number of items answered correctly needed to score proficient:

29

Difference:

-5

* For the Overall Achievement Level we project where within the level a student will be. The (+) symbol indicates the student to be in the top area of the level. The (-) symbol indicates the student to be in the bottom of the level. No symbol indicates the student to be in the middle area of the level.



3rd Grade Promotion Plan

Child's Name: _____


Guardian's Name (Print): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Guardian's Signature: _____

1. If my child scores "below expectations" on TCAP, my child will
 - ☐ Attend Summer Bridge Camp June 5th - 30th with an attendance rate of at least 90%
AND attend tutoring throughout their fourth grade school year
 - ☐ Be retained in 3rd grade

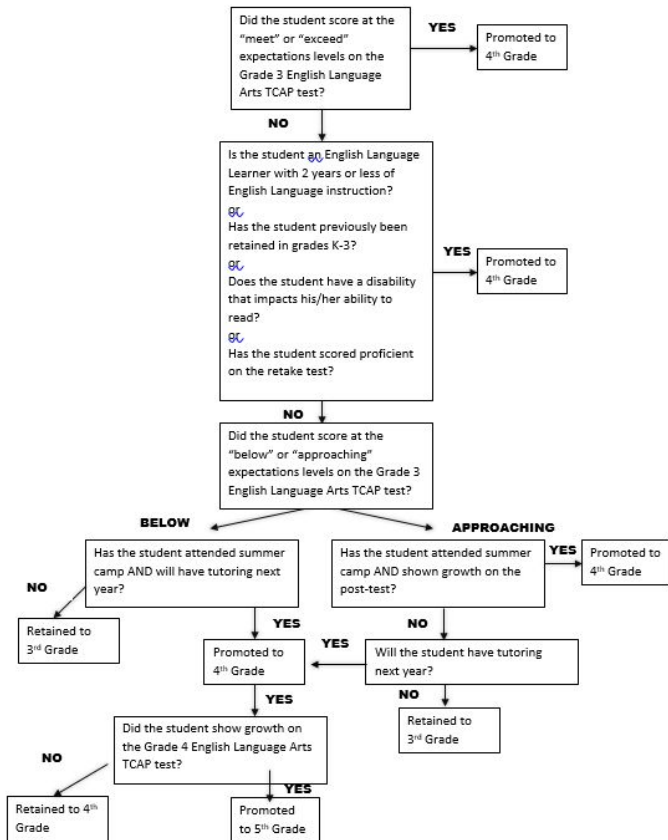
2. If my child scores "approaching expectations" on TCAP, my child will
 - ☐ Attend Summer Bridge Camp June 5th - 30th with an attendance rate of at least 90% OR
 - ☐ Attend tutoring throughout the 4th grade school year
 - ☐ Be retained in 3rd grade

3. My child may be exempt from retention because
 - ☐ My child has been retained previously.
 - ☐ My child has a disability or suspected disability that impacts literacy development. 
 - ☐ My child is an English Learner and has received less than two (2) years of English instruction or not proficient based solely on a lack of English language proficiency.
 - ☐ My child has no exemptions.

NOTICE: All third grade students who score "below expectations" or "approaching expectations" will have the opportunity to **retake the ELA TCAP** during the retake window of **May 22nd - 24th**.

PATHWAYS TO 4TH GRADE

Promotion of Student from Third Grade (T.C.A. §49-6-3115)



PATHWAYS TO 4TH GRADE

The following students are exempt from 3rd grade retention:



English Language Learners
with 2 or less years of English
Language Instruction



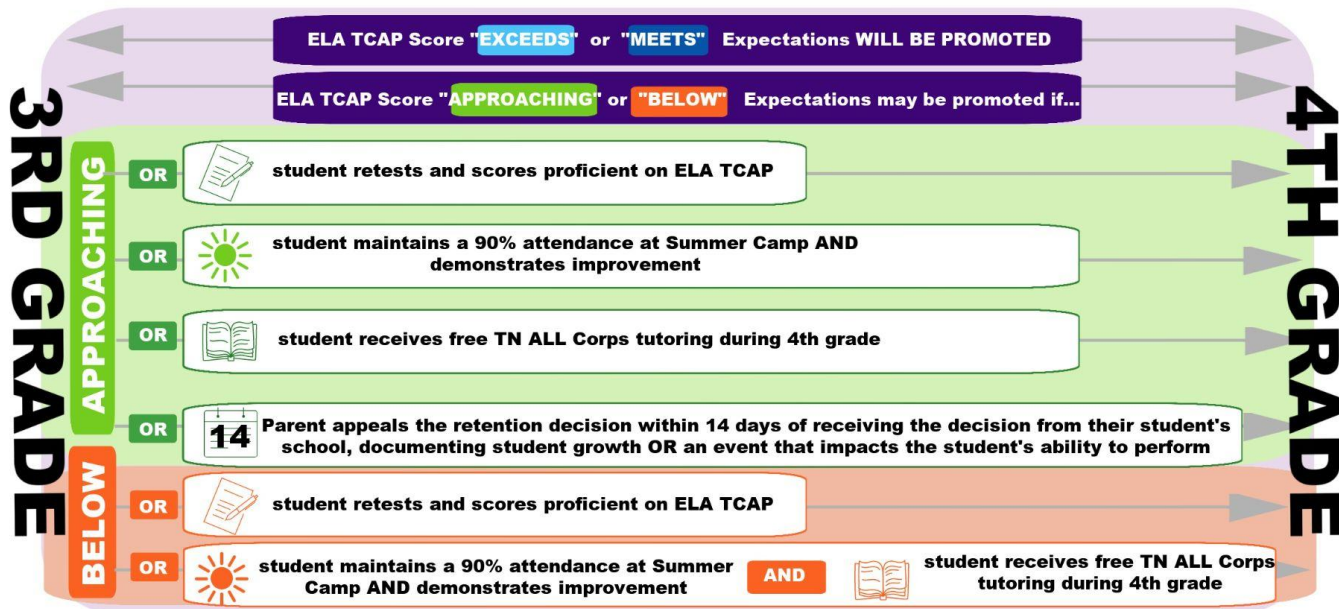
Previously retained in grades
K through 3



Disability that impacts
reading



Suspected disability that
impacts reading



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Resources

You can find more information about the 2023 TN Literacy Success Act and the TN Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act at the Tennessee Department of Education website at

<https://www.tn.gov/education/top-links/learning-acceleration.html>

