

<u>Section I:</u>  <b>Instructional Goals and Objectives</b>	<b>Knox County Board of Education Policy</b>		
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	<b>Integration of TCAP and EOC Scores in Student Grades</b>	<b>I-381</b>	<b>3/11</b>
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**TENNESSEE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Each local board of education shall develop a policy by which student scores on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program’s achievement tests shall comprise a percentage of the student’s final grade for the spring semester.

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) performance results will compose 0% of second semester (spring semester) grades in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science and social studies for Knox County Schools Students in grades three through five.<sup>1</sup> The Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) performance results will compose 10% of second semester (spring semester) grades in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science and social studies for Knox County Schools students in grades six through eight. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and disruptions to regular instruction, the Tennessee General Assembly passed SB7001/HB7003.<sup>2</sup> For the 2020-21 school year only, local school boards of education have the flexibility to set a percentage between zero (0)-25% for which TCAP scores count toward students’ second semester (spring semester) final grades for students in grades six through eight. For the 2020-21 school year only will count zero (0%) of a student’s second semester final grade.

**STATE END-OF-COURSE EXAMS**

High school state end-of-course (EOC) exams shall be regulated by statute and State Board Policy.<sup>3</sup> In the 2018-19 school year and beyond, the weight of EOC exams on students’ final averages is 15%. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and disruptions to regular instruction, the Tennessee State Board of Education has modified its High School Policy<sup>2</sup> for the 2020-21 school year only. Local school boards of education have the flexibility to set a percentage between zero (0)-25% for which EOCs count toward student grades. For the 2020-21 school year only State EOCs will count zero (0%) of a student’s final grade.<sup>4</sup>

**INCLUSION OF TCAP AND STATE EOC EXAM SCORES IN FINAL GRADES**

If Knox County Schools does not receive its students’ scores at least five (5) instructional days before the end of the course, the district may choose not to include its students’ TCAP or high school EOC exam scores in the students’ final grades.

The Director of Schools shall be responsible for developing a methodology and procedure for teachers to use in numerically computing these grades.

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Legal References:

1. T.C.A. § 49-1-617.
2. SB7001/HB7003, amending T.C.A. § 49-1-617.
3. State Board Policy 2.103 High School Policy.
4. Academic Program Requirements Emergency Rule 0520-01-03.03

NOTE: This policy was suspended on May 13, 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year in response to the current state of emergency caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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