

# **Cherokee Elementary School**

## **2025-2026**

### **Parent/Student Handbook**



#### **Our Mission Statement:**

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## Principal 's Welcome

Dear Cherokee Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I'm honored to serve as the principal of Cherokee Elementary and excited to partner with you in supporting our students' growth and success. At Cherokee, we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where every child is known, valued, and challenged. We hold high expectations and believe all students deserve access to high quality instruction that prepares them academically, socially, and emotionally for the future.

This handbook is designed to be a helpful resource as we work together throughout the year. Inside, you'll find important information about school procedures, expectations, and supports. While it may not answer every question, it should serve as a strong starting point. Additional updates and communication will be shared as needed to keep you informed.

As your child's first and most important teacher, your role in their education is essential. We value your partnership and encourage you to stay involved whether through our PTA, volunteering, or staying in touch with your child's teacher. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office at (423) 434-5281. I look forward to a great year ahead, built on shared efforts and strong relationships within our Cherokee Wolf Pack.

Warmly,

Yecenia "Jesse" Cigarroa, Ed.D.

Principal

423-434-5281

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School Colors: Maroon and Gold



Mascot: Wolves

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## 2025-2026 Student & Parent Handbook

### The School Day

School Day 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Educare 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

and 3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Contact Information

Front Office 423-434-5281

Fax: 423-434-5591

Educare 423-434-5296

Cafeteria 423-434-5288

### ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

**Our student day begins at 8:15 a.m.** In order to keep our students safe, we expect all families to follow these procedures:

- Students may enter the building at 7:45 a.m. and eat breakfast in the cafeteria. 2-5 grade students will participate in fitness walking in the gym, and K-1 students will sit in the lower hallway until 8:00 a.m., supervised by staff. At 8:00 a.m., all students will be dismissed to class for various learning opportunities.
- All bus riders will enter through the front doors.
- **ALL students who are car riders should exit cars at the gym car circle.** Students will not be allowed to exit a car at the intersection or on the theater side of the building. Cars should enter from Cherokee Road and follow the circle. Staff and our student safety patrol will assist in the car circle. If a parent must come inside, he/she should park in the front parking lot and check in through the office.
- Parents are not to walk children to class.
- Car Circle will close at **8:12 a.m.** to allow students time to walk to class. Any student arriving after this time will need to go to the front office and be signed in by a parent or guardian. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be considered tardy.

### TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS

Students must be in class at 8:15 a.m. each morning and remain until 3:15 p.m. If your student is tardy, **you must** come to the office with your student to sign in and get a tardy slip.

**TARDY:** Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused tardy and/or early dismissal in a grading period, the student could be subject to a consequence to make up missing work. The school principal has the authority to implement “time for time” procedures that would allow students to make up time missed for school due to tardiness/early dismissals.

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** We encourage parents to try to schedule appointments after school hours. However, we realize there are circumstances where a student must leave school early. Anyone picking up students during the day must ALWAYS be prepared to show identification, sign the early release form in the office, and wait in the office. Only those persons named on the emergency/enrollment card will be permitted to pick up students, unless the parent gives verification in writing or personal form. **Early dismissals are treated like tardies.**

### AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Please ensure that your student knows his/her method of afternoon transportation. We ask that changes in afternoon transportation be called in by 2:30 p.m. During dismissal, parents are asked not to enter the building to pick up students unless there is a valid reason for early dismissal.

**CAR LINE:** Due to the high volume of car riders, afternoon dismissal can be challenging. The safety of all students is our top priority, and successful dismissal requires the cooperation of parents, students, and staff. To help ensure a smooth and secure process, please follow these important dismissal procedures:

- **ALL CAR PICKUPS MUST GO THROUGH THE CAR CIRCLE.**
- DO NOT park on the theater side of the building to pick up your student. This area needs to be reserved for staff parking and bus dismissal.
- The car line opens at 3:00. **If the line backs up to block Cherokee Road, it creates a very hazardous safety issue, and violators may be ticketed.**
- Do not leave your car unattended once you are in line for dismissal. Follow the directions of the staff on duty regarding moving your vehicle up in the line.
- Post your windshield tag every day to speed up our dismissal. All car riders will be dismissed from the gym, and your tag must be visible for radioing names to the gym. We use the same numbers from year to year, so please keep your tag. Cars without a visible car tag may be asked to park and enter the building to pick up their student.
- We allow thirty minutes (3:15 to 3:45) for all car riders to be picked up. If your student is not picked up by 3:45 p.m., we will call parents for pick-up from the office. If late pick-ups become an issue, the student will need to enroll in Educare.

**BUS RIDERS:** All our bus riders load from the front of the school and are usually off the school property by 3:30 p.m. If you live within the Cherokee school zone, we urge you to use Johnson City Transit's services. **A new bus form must be completed EVERY school year.** Contact Teresa Stout in the main office if you have questions about bus forms or routes.

**WALKERS:** Students walking home at dismissal must meet their parent(s) outside the front office doors. DO NOT park on the theater side of the building to pick up your student. This area needs to be reserved for staff parking and bus dismissal.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

Regular attendance is vital to student success. Studies show a strong link between consistent school attendance and academic achievement. We are committed to supporting and encouraging students to be present and on time daily. When students attend regularly, they gain the full benefit of classroom instruction. **Absences, tardies, and early dismissals are only excused for a death in the family, court appearances, and doctor or dental appointments.** A doctor's note must be provided for all appointments during the school day. All other reasons are considered unexcused.

If your student will be absent, the office should be contacted by 9:00 a.m. Upon returning to school, notes explaining absences should be brought to the office. Appointments should be scheduled **outside of the school day** and vacations during the appointed breaks.

- A student must be in school for 3 hours and 31 minutes to be considered present for the day.
- 3 parent request days a year. A note must be approved by the principal prior to these days being taken.
- Upon receipt of 5 written parent/guardian notes, a doctor's statement is required.
- When a student returns to school after any absence, a note from the parent/guardian or a physician is required.

## **TRUANCY VIOLATIONS:**

Johnson City Schools adheres to the following Attendance Policy and Procedures.

### **TIER 1:** System-wide Preventative Action

Communication from school regarding attendance, automated call or text to parents on every absence, home visits, community awareness, and school-wide incentives for good attendance.

### **TIER 2:** Completed at the individual school

Violation: The student has acquired **five unexcused absences**.

- A meeting is held at the school with the student and the parent/guardian.
- The student, parent/guardian, and the school attendance team will sign an Attendance Contract. The attendance contract will include:
  - A specific description of the school's attendance expectations for the student, with strategies to improve student attendance.
  - The consequences for additional absences and alleged school offenses. This may include any disciplinary action and could result in a referral with Juvenile Court.

### **TIER 3:** Completed at Central Office

Violation: The student has acquired **additional unexcused absences**.

- The Truancy Board will review the case with the family and make the appropriate referrals to community-based services, such as: counseling, parenting classes, in-home services, etc.
- The case is reviewed with the family every 30 days until the end of the contract.

If the student has further unexcused absences or fails to comply with the contract after progressing to Tier 3, or if the parent/student refuses to participate in any part of the plan, a petition is filed with Juvenile Court.

Johnson City School Board Policy 6.200 states "Upon recommendation of the principal, students in grades K-8 who are absent more than twenty (20) days may not be promoted to the next grade. All absences, excused or unexcused, are counted in the maximum number of days that may be missed during a session or school year."

## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND STUDENT CONDUCT**

Our school is a place of academic and social growth. In certain respects, we are one large family working together for the good of all students. We will recognize the students who show examples of appropriate behavior. Those students who do not conform to our school rules will have certain privileges removed from their daily program. Behavior which is disrespectful will not be tolerated.

Questions concerning extreme discipline problems may be answered in the **Student Code of Conduct** adopted by the Johnson City Board of Education. Each student will receive a copy at the beginning of school. Parents and students should become familiar with the code.

## **BULLY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Bullying is not tolerated at Cherokee Elementary School. Bullying is defined as someone repeatedly and on purpose saying or doing mean or harmful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself. It is important that we work together to prevent bullying. If your child reports bullying to you, please contact your child's teacher or our school counselor. Working together, we can reduce bullying behaviors.

Three Key Components of Bullying Behavior:

1. Involves aggressive behavior
2. Typically involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time
3. Imbalance of power or strength

### **BUS SAFETY COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

Riding the bus is a privilege, and it is expected that all Cherokee students adhere to the rules of Johnson City Transit. Violations of bus rules will result in suspensions from bus service and can lead to a one-year expulsion from bus privileges. Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from school if their child is suspended from riding the bus. If a child is suspended from riding the JC Transit school bus, they cannot ride for any school functions until their suspension is over.

The following procedure will govern how students, teachers, staff, and community members shall submit bus safety complaints:

1. All complaints shall be submitted to the transportation supervisor by calling the transportation office at 423-794-2360 or email [wallaceg@jcschools.org](mailto:wallaceg@jcschools.org).
2. When calling with a complaint, please provide if possible the bus number, time of day, and location of bus. Example: Bus number 22, at 3:30pm, corner of Maple Street and South Roan Street.

As governed by law, the transportation supervisor shall begin an investigation of all bus safety complaints within twenty-four (24) hours of complaint.

### **CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE**

The use of student cellular phones and electronic devices on school property is not permitted during school hours (see Student Code of Conduct). The use of these devices is strictly prohibited in any restroom or on school grounds or while attending any school related event or activity. (Board Policy 6.312) Disciplinary action will be taken for those students who continually violate this rule. Using a cell phone and/or electronic device during school hours to call, text, or take pictures will result in further disciplinary actions.

### **CLINIC**

Medications should be limited to those required during school hours and necessary to maintain the student's enrollment and attendance in school. If your child requires medication at school, the following guidelines must be followed:

- **ALL MEDICATION** must be turned into the office or clinic by a parent/guardian. NO student is to carry prescription or non-prescription medications, unless ordered by a physician and documented in the appropriate form.
- **All prescription medication** must be accompanied by a medication administration permission form completed and signed by a physician and parent. For students requiring

emergency medication for a chronic health condition (such as adrenal insufficiency, severe allergy, anaphylaxis, asthma, and seizure), a specific order form is available to assist with the plan of care while at school. Please request from the school nurse or a copy is available online at <https://www.jcschools.org/departments/health-services/medication-and-health-service-forms>.

- **Non-prescription medication** must be accompanied by a permission for medication administration form completed and signed by the parent. The student's parent/guardian must give permission in writing to administer medications while at school by TCA 49-50-1602(a)(2). Non-prescription medication that is given on a regular basis (longer than a 4-week period) will require a physician's signature. A child will be limited to 5 doses every 9 weeks unless accompanied by a medication administration permission form completed and signed by a physician. Johnson City Schools will follow the manufacturer's label and/or Johnson City Schools Medical Director's standing orders. Johnson City Schools will not administer any medications that are off-label or not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

- The first dose or administration of any medication should be given at home.

- All controlled substance medications (ADHD meds, etc.) will need to be verified and counted by the nurse or designee once received and when the medication is picked up at the end of the school year. Johnson City Schools will only accept a 30-day supply of controlled medication.

- Prescription medicine must be in a properly labeled prescription bottle. If the medicine is over the counter, it must be in a new and unopened bottle or in a blister pack that is sealed and labeled. Any medicine sent to school loose and unlabeled will not be administered. Expired medication will not be given at school. Johnson City Schools' staff will not administer complementary or alternative medicine or medications containing Salicylate (such as aspirin or aspirin-containing products such as Excedrin and Pepto-Bismol) without a doctor's order due to the danger of Reye's Syndrome.

- The parent is responsible for picking up any remaining or unused medication. If the parent does not pick up the remaining or unused medication, it will be discarded at the end of the school year unless your child is attending summer school or other arrangements have been made with the school nurse.

**INJURIES:** Parents are called immediately if their student sustains a head injury. Appropriate action will be taken if a serious accident occurs. It is important that emergency phone numbers be current on the emergency card. An accident report will be filled out and kept in the office.

**SICKNESS:** The clinic is open for the duration of the school day every day. Parents will be called if your student is too sick to remain at school. Reasons for calling may include fever of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting, head lice, or any time that a student is not well enough to complete school activities. Students should be well and fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

### **COMMUNICATION**

You will receive communication from our school and teachers in several ways. Your child's teacher will ask you to sign up for Parent Square at the beginning of the school year. Parent Square is an app that provides easy two-way communication between teachers and parents. You

will also receive regular school newsletters that will be sent through SMS, email, and Parent Square. It is important to keep your email address up to date with the office.

The Johnson City Schools website is also a great way to find out information about our school. Go to [www.jcschools.org](http://www.jcschools.org) and you can then link directly to the Cherokee website. Please contact the school office if you have a change in address or phone numbers or the list of who is allowed to pick up your student.

**WEDNESDAY PACKETS** - All school-wide correspondence and notices will be sent home on Wednesdays and many teachers will also send graded work home on that day. Please check your student's backpack on Wednesday so you can stay up to date with school events.

### **CONFERENCES/PARENT/TEACHER**

We value your input as a Cherokee parent, and school-to-home communication is very important. You may request a meeting at any time. We ask that you please make an appointment with the teacher at least 24 hours prior to your visit to ensure a private and productive meeting. Teachers are not available to meet every day and will not be able to meet while their classes are in session. School-wide conferences will be scheduled in the fall, on or before **September 22, 2025**, and as needed. We will not be able to forward calls to the classroom except during the teacher's planning time, before, and after school.

### **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum of Cherokee Elementary School is one that seeks to provide the experiences a student needs to live in today's society. We believe that each student is an individual and should be given the opportunity to achieve his or her potential.

In addition to the academic curriculum, the following support services are available:

- Weekly P.E., music, art, and library classes for every grade.
- A counselor who teaches some classes and assists students individually.
- Resource teacher, speech teacher, and diagnostician to assist with special education needs
- RTI intervention in the areas of reading and math
- ESL services
- After-school tutoring and remediation as available

### **DRESS CODE**

We expect Cherokee students to dress modestly and appropriately for their age. If the principal, counselor, or a teacher judges that a student's attire is offensive or immodest, the student will be required to change and will be provided clothes, or parents will be expected to bring a change of clothing. **In matters of opinion, the judgment of teachers and administrators will prevail.**

Guidelines to follow, but are not limited to, include:

- Appropriate length of skirts and shorts (at least one inch below fingertip length)
- No short tops that expose the stomach
- Straps on tops should be at least two inches in width
- No suggestive or offensive writing or logos on T-shirts/sweatshirts
- No hats, bandanas, or other head coverings unless authorized by a staff member

If a student's dress or appearance is such that it constitutes a threat to the health or safety of others, distracts the attention of other students or staff from their work, or otherwise violates this

dress code, the principal or designee may require the student to change his appearance and/or be sent home according to the handbook.

### **EDUCARE**

A before/after school childcare program (Educare) is available at an additional fee at Cherokee. The Educare program is open from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. and 3:15 – 6:00 p.m. daily. It is open on a limited schedule during Christmas, before and after national holidays, and on other days when school is closed. A full-time summer program is also available. Information about the services may be obtained through the school office. For more information, call Educare at 423-434-5296.

### **ENROLLING AND WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL**

The following is required for enrolling a student in any Johnson City School:

1. A withdrawal from the previous school.
2. A record of immunizations. Out-of-state students must have a Tennessee Certificate of Immunization, which can be obtained from the Washington County Health Department before entering school. In-state students have thirty (30) days to provide the school with proof of immunization.
3. A grade card for the present school year and/or a transcript of all work from the previous school that includes recent achievement test scores.
4. Proof of residence (2) inside city limits.

Any student who is planning to withdraw from school for any reason should report to the office for correct withdrawal procedures prior to the day of withdrawal. Students are expected to meet all obligations (return of books, uniforms, materials, and payment of fees and/or fines) before withdrawing.

If an in-district student moves out of the district, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from Cherokee. If the student wishes to remain at Cherokee, the student must apply for admittance through the tuition process.

### **FOOD GUIDELINES**

All schools that house K-8 students must abide by Tennessee state nutrition and wellness requirements. These guidelines have been formed to combat the growing rate of student obesity and to promote a healthy group of active students.

**BREAKFAST** – A free hot breakfast is available every morning from 7:45-8:10 in the cafeteria.

**LUNCH** – We serve a lunch that meets National School Lunch program guidelines and is also free to all students. Menus are sent home and are available online. Parents are welcome to join their student for lunch, but we do not allow restaurant food in the cafeteria. **Parents bringing outside food may eat with their own student at the hallway table or the outside picnic table.**

**CLASSROOM SNACKS** – Some teachers may allow their students to have a daily snack, but the snack must meet nutritional guidelines. Below is a list of acceptable snacks:

- **Beverages** – Water, non-carbonated calorie-free flavored water, low-calorie sports drinks (8 oz. or less), 1% or skim milk, juices that are 100% juice

- **Foods** – fresh fruit, veggies, cube or string cheese, pretzels, low-fat popcorn, graham crackers, animal crackers, low-fat pudding and yogurt, low-fat breakfast or granola bars, Nabisco 100 calorie pack, baked chips, nuts, sunflower seeds

**PARTIES** - Teachers have the option to have two classroom celebrations or “parties” during the year. Healthy treats should be provided for these occasions (no peanut butter). Parents may send a special treat to be shared on the child’s birthday during recess or at the end of the day. Parents are not allowed to attend birthday celebrations in the classroom or at recess. *Please ensure that all food items sent are purchased from a store.* **Made-from-scratch items from home are not allowed to be served. Please do not drop off treats and snacks at the office without discussing with the teacher.**

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

It is the policy of the Johnson City School System not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, creed, age, or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment policies as required by federal law. Any student of Cherokee who believes that he or she has been discriminated against, sexually harassed, denied a benefit, or excluded from participation in any educational programs or activities may file a written complaint with a school counselor. The counselors will consult with the administration if they feel further action on the grievance is necessary.

**GRADING PROCEDURES**

**REPORT CARDS** -Report cards are distributed at the end of each nine-week grading period. The report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, following the last day of the nine weeks. Grades K-2 have a checklist with a rating scale. Grades 3-5 are graded using A, B, C, D, or F. The cards are to be signed by the parent and returned to the classroom teacher. Grade cards may be withheld at the end of the year for students who fail to pay for lost and damaged textbooks, library books, or other school property, and delinquent Educare accounts.

The citywide grading scale adopted by the Board of Education is as follows:

Grading Scale for Grades 3/4/5		Academic Achievement Key for K/1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	
A – Excellent	90-100	Always Exceeds Expectation of Standard	4
B – Above Average	80-89	Meets Expectation of Standard	3
C – Average	70-79	Beginning to Understand Standard	2
D – Below Average	60-69	Limited or No Understanding of Standard	1
F – Failing	50-59	*Standards not assessed will be left blank	

\*Subject to modification to match SBOE policy

**MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT** - Halfway through the nine-week grading period, a midterm report will be sent home. The report provides parents with a snapshot of how their student is performing; as well as, alerting parents to problems that need correcting such as unfinished

assignments, schoolwork to be made up, behavior issues, etc. The midterm should be signed and returned.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is an extension of the school day and may be assigned by individual teachers. It should be used for helping children apply what they have learned in the classroom and to instill responsibility in the child as part of the learning experience. The focus for each grade level is the quality of learning rather than the quantity of tasks completed, with the emphasis on application of content being taught in the classroom. **Students should read for at least 20 minutes each day.**

### **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

We are very fortunate to have an active PTA that provides many things for our students through their fundraising efforts. The PTA sponsors two major fundraisers each year. There is always a need for PTA volunteers in several areas. If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer form and we will find a place for you.

### **SCHOOL CLOSING, DELAY, AND EARLY DISMISSAL**

In the event of bad weather, school may be closed, delayed, or dismissed early. Schedule changes will be announced on the Johnson City Schools website, on local television, and on radio stations (**be sure to look/listen for Johnson City Schools**). You can register for school system-wide calling/texting information located on the Johnson City Schools website. If no report is heard, school will be in session. If we have a delayed opening, school would begin two hours later (10:15 a.m.). If school is delayed by two hours due to inclement weather, the buses are also delayed by the same amount of time. Parents should make plans and be sure their student is familiar with the plan. Normally, the buses will run, but depending on the severity of the weather, they may be unable to run on the regular route.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY AND DRILLS**

Monthly practice drills are conducted to make certain that all students and school personnel are aware of and adhere to the safety guidelines. Students are to be attentive and follow directions given by their teachers or over the intercom. Any questions about safety drills or what to do in an emergency can be directed to a teacher, an administrator, or Dr. Greg Wallace, Supervisor of Safety and Mental Health.

The school doors will be kept locked at all times for the safety of our students. ALL visitors and volunteers must enter through the main doors. In compliance with state law and in the interest of safety, all visitors must register in the office and wear identifying badges.

**\*Only authorized persons listed on the student's Emergency/Enrollment card may pick up the student.**

### **STUDENT PLACEMENT**

It is Cherokee's primary concern to challenge each student so that he/she will continue to experience academic growth. Classroom rosters are designed with the intent of a balance in diversity, gender, academics, and cohesiveness. **Parent requests for student placement are strictly prohibited.**

### **TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS**

Textbooks and library books are provided for the use of students. In return, students are expected to care for those books and to pay for all lost and damaged books. A charge is made annually for the purchase of materials not otherwise furnished to the student. The suggested fee this year is \$25.00, and checks should be made out to Cherokee Elementary School. A standard supply list for each grade is on the Johnson City school’s website. Teachers will post wish lists for other items that they would like to have donated to their classroom.

**TRANSFER AND TUITION**

First priority for enrollment at Cherokee goes to students who live with their parents/legal guardians within the Cherokee school zone. Students who live outside our zone but still in Johnson City are considered transfer students, and those who live outside of Johnson City are considered tuition. Continued enrollment for transfer and tuition students is considered on a year-to-year basis and may be denied due to high in-zone enrollment, excessive absences, excessive tardies, behavioral concerns, or academic indifference. All students who are transfer or tuition must provide their own transportation and cannot use Johnson City transit. Falsification of address can also result in immediate dismissal if not living in the Cherokee zone.

**VISITORS**

Parents and visitors are welcome at Cherokee, but we do have security measures in place to ensure the safety of students and staff. ALL visitors must enter through the main office and may be asked for ID before being buzzed in. Upon entering the school, **all visitors are required to check in through the school's Security System, which requires scanning a driver’s license or valid government-issued picture ID** to receive a visitor badge before going anywhere beyond the main office area. As visitors leave the building, they should return to the office and sign out. As part of the National Safe Schools Healthy Student Initiative (locally known as HEROES), all Johnson City Schools are equipped with security cameras. Only one front door is designated for entrance, and all outside doors are locked.

**JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS 2025-2026 TESTING SCHEDULE**

As required by T.C.A. § 49-6-6007, assessments for the 2025-26 school year

**Elementary & Middle Schools**

<b>Assessment/Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Requirement, Purpose, &amp; Test Length</b>	<b>Results For Parents</b>
<b>mCLASS DIBELS (K &amp; 1)</b> <b>aimswebPLUS (3rd)</b> <b>EasyCBM (K-8)</b> <i>Reading</i> <i>Math</i>	August 4-29, 2025	K-8	Universal screeners required by TDOE to assess reading and math skills <b>Test length ≈ 20–30 minutes</b>	Results provided upon request
	December 1-January 31, 2026			
	March 23-May 22, 2026			
<b>District Checkpoints</b> <i>Reading, Math, and Science</i>	September 23-October 3, 2025	2-11	Formative tests used to assess student’s mastery of TN state standards  <b>Test length ≈ 30–90 minutes</b>	Results provided upon request
	December 1-19, 2025			
	February 17-March 13, 2026			
	May 1-22, 2026			

<b>TCAP</b> <i>Reading</i> <i>Math</i> <i>Science</i> <i>Social Studies</i>	April 13-May 1, 2026	3-8	Required by Federal Govt. (ESSA) & TN law (TCA) to assess student's Mastery of TN state standards Test length: see hyperlink at bottom of page*	Individual profile reports from the Tennessee Dept. of Education
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\*TN state assessment times: <https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/lea-operations/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html>

**Other**

<b>ESL Screener</b>	At registration	English learners	Placement test for ESL services	No results provided
<b>English Learners Assessment</b> <i>Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening</i>	February 2 - March 27, 2026		Required by Federal Govt. (ESSA) to assess student's progress in acquiring English <b>Test length ≈ 3 – 3 ½ hours</b>	Individual profile reports in August
<b>TCAP-Alt &amp; DLM Dynamic Learning Maps</b> <i>Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies</i>	Fall 2025– Spring 2026	Some Students in Grades 3-11	Required by Federal Govt. (ESSA) & TN law (TCA) to assess student's mastery of TN state standards <b>Test length ≈ 4–6 hours</b>	Individual profile reports from the Tennessee Department of Education in August
<b>Portfolio Assessment</b> <i>Reading and Math</i>	Fall and Spring	PreK & K	Required by TN law (TCA) to assess student academic growth	No results provided
<b>Brigance K screen</b> <b>Bracken PRE-K screen</b> <i>Cognitive &amp; Physical Development</i>	August and May  August and May	PreK & K	Required by Johnson City Schools to assess student's cognitive and physical development <b>Test length ≈ 20–30 minutes</b>	Results provided upon request
<b>EasyCBM Progress Monitoring</b> <i>Reading, Writing, Math</i>	August through May	Students receiving RTI services	Progress monitoring required by TDOE to assess reading and math skills <b>Test length ≈ 5–20 minutes</b>	Results sent home periodically throughout the school year
<b>NAEP</b> <i>Reading, Math, Science</i>	January 27 - March 7, 2026	TBD	Required by Federal Govt. (ESSA) to assess reading, math, and science skills <b>Test length ≈ 60–90 minutes</b>	No results provided

More assessment information may be found on the TN Department of Education website here: <https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/lea-operations/assessment.html>

**July 2025**

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27	Can Plan Week	TECH WEEK	AD	IS		

**August 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					AD	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**September 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	H	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13



**Johnson City Schools**  
**2025-2026**

🧐	New Teachers In-service
AD	Administrative Day
IS	In-service Day for all teachers. 4 additional in-service days will be planned, outside the school calendar, at the school level.
🌑	Student 1/2 Day Dismissal times: Elementary 11:30 am Middle 11:00 am High School 11:00 am
👤	Student Day

**January 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	AD	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	H	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**February 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	11	11	12	13	14
15	🌑	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**March 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6★	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14