

**Ready for School.**

**Ready for Career.**

**Ready for Life.**

A year in the classroom should produce a year of learning. TNReady is Tennessee's statewide assessment designed to measure what students have learned at the end of class.

TNReady (pronounced T-N Ready) also gives teachers and parents useful information about how to help their students acquire the knowledge needed for the next grade and the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills needed after graduation.

### **TNREADY: THE TEST THAT MATTERS**

1. TNReady assesses your student on real-world skills and real understanding. TNReady matters because it measures what students have learned – instead of test-taking skills – and identifies what they still need to learn.
2. TNReady helps prepare your student to make the most of big opportunities ahead: college-credit courses, the ACT assessment, university placement tests, military entrance exams, and Tennessee Promise. TNReady matters because it tells you every year – not just once in high school – whether your student is on track to achieve postsecondary goals or how to catch up with extra help.
3. TNReady score reports explain what your child has learned – and what you and teachers can do to make sure the learning continues. TNReady matters because it will give parents and teachers meaningful, actionable advice to help their students learn more in the year ahead.

### **ANOTHER TEST? NO, A BETTER TEST!**

TNReady is a big step forward from the old TCAP tests because it allows students to show what they know and what they can do with multiple-choice and multiple-answer items, open-ended questions, and problems that require students to show how they arrived at their answer.

Your child will demonstrate reading, writing, and analytical skills on the TNReady English assessment by working with short readings of fiction and nonfiction. The math test will present real-life situations that test student abilities, both with and without a calculator. TNReady is designed to assess how well your student **really understands** the lessons taught this school year.

### **READY FOR THE FUTURE**

Students in Tennessee deserve an education that prepares them for success after high school. Whether pursuing a military career, a four-year degree, career certification, or a job, your student will need to be able to solve problems, think critically, and communicate clearly. TNReady will measure your student's progress building these real-world skills, and it will give you and your child's teacher valuable information for keeping the learning on track.

Taking TNReady is taking an important toward graduating ready to take on the world and win.

## TNREADY, SET, GO

As a parent, you want to help your child do well on a test that matters. Here are some ideas:

- **Talk to your teacher.** Ask about your child's strengths and get advice about addressing any weaknesses.
- **Talk to your student.** Find out where your student feels confident or where your child feels uncertain.
- **Get to know the parent report.** This new annual report will clearly tell you what your child has learned, should be learning next, and what should be done in the year ahead for continued growth. You and your child's teacher can use the report to coordinate academic support in class and at home.
- **Find more TNReady resources.** Go to [tnready.gov](http://tnready.gov) to get a copy of the Parent Guide. Visit [expectmoretn.org](http://expectmoretn.org) for ideas to help your student at home and to receive information when there are TNReady parent events near you.

TNReady will help Tennessee students be ready for school. Ready for career. Ready for life.

## TNREADY MARKS YOUR STUDENT'S PATH

Academic success is a journey. TNReady results are like mile markers that let you know each year the learning progress your child has made and how much farther there is to go.

Start: Your child takes TNReady every year in grades 3-11 in four subjects.

2: TNReady tests what has been taught. No test prep needed.

3: Beginning in 2018, parents will get TNReady score reports in the summer.

4: TNReady will help your student stay on track for the next grade and life after graduation.

5: For now, only a small portion of your student's grades will be based on TNReady.

6: TNReady assessments happen at the end of the class or course.

7: Teachers will analyze TNReady scores to help tailor instruction for your child next year.