

Rhea County Board of Education

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1 *General*

2 The board shall provide for a system-wide testing program which shall be periodically reviewed and
3 evaluated. The purposes of the program shall be to:

- 4 1. Assist in promoting accountability;
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- 6 2. Determine the progress of students;
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- 8 3. Assess the effectiveness of the instructional program and student learning;
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- 10 4. Aid in counseling and guiding students in planning future education and other endeavors;
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- 12 5. Analyze the improvements needed in each instructional area;
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- 14 6. Assist in the screening of students with learning difficulties;^{1,2}
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- 16 7. Assist in placing students in remedial programs;
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- 18 8. Provide information for college entrance and placement; and
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- 20 9. Assist in educational research by providing data.

21 The director of schools shall be responsible for planning and implementing the program, which includes:

- 22 1. Determining specific purposes for each test;
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- 24 2. Selecting the appropriate test to be given;
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- 26 3. Establishing procedures for administering the tests;
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- 28 4. Making provisions for interpreting and disseminating the results;
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- 30 5. Maintaining testing information in a consistent and confidential manner; and
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- 32 6. Ensuring that results are obtained as quickly as possible, especially when placement in a special
33 learning program might be necessary.

1 State-mandated student testing programs shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures published
2 by the State Department of Education.³

3 **WEIGHTING TCAP SCORES**

4 TNReady⁴ and EOC⁵ scores will be included in students' final grades as follows:

- 5 a) 2017-2018 school year - 15% of the students' final average.
- 6 b) 2018-2019 school year - 15% of the students' final average.
- 7 c) Unless changed by state law, state board of education guidelines, and/or local policy all years
8 beyond the 2018-2019 school year the TNReady/EOC scores will count as 15% of the students'
9 final average.

10 Rhea County Schools will use the cube root methodology in calculating EOC scores. This methodology
11 multiplies the raw score by a scale factor which allows each student to receive a score on a 100 point
12 scale.

13 The director of schools may exclude these scores from students' final grades if results are not received
14 by the district at least five (5) instructional days before the end of the course.^{4,5}

15 **TESTING INFORMATION AND PARENTAL CONSENT**

16 Any test directly concerned with measuring student ability or achievement through individual or group
17 psychological or socio-metric tests shall not be administered by or with the knowledge of any employee
18 of the system without first obtaining written consent of the parents or guardians.²

19 Results of all group tests shall be recorded on the students' permanent records and shall be made
20 available to appropriate personnel in accordance with established procedures.⁶

21 No later than July 31st of each year, the board shall publish on its website information related to state
22 and board mandated tests that will be administered during the school year. The information shall
23 include:⁷

- 24 1. The name of the test;
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- 26 2. The purpose and use of the test;
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- 28 3. The grade or class in which the test will be administered;
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- 30 4. The tentative date or dates that the test will be administered;
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- 32 5. The time and manner in which parents and students will be notified of the results of the test;
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- 34 6. How parents can access the questions and answers on their student's state-required tests; and
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- 1 7. If a board mandated test, how the test complements and enhances student instruction and
- 2 learning and how it serves a purpose distinct from state-required tests.

- 3 Testing information shall also be placed in student handbooks or other school publications that are
- 4 provided to parents on an annual basis.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-10-108
2. 20 USCS 1232(g)
3. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(9)
4. Public Chapter 192; TCA 49-1-617(b)
5. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.06(1)(b)(2) (as revised October 20, 2017)
6. TCA 10-7-504
7. TCA 49-6-6007; SBOE Policy 2.103

Cross References

- Student Surveys, Analyses, and Evaluations 6.4001
Student Records 6.600