

Dear Parents and Families,

This past spring, your student took the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) test in English language arts (ELA), [math](#), and [science](#), to better understand your student's progress toward grade level learning expectations. You can find a printed copy of your student's state score report [in your child's folder](#). We know there is no one more important in a student's education than parents and families, and one way we can better serve you is to ensure that you are equipped with complete information about your student's academic performance in the three core subjects: math, ELA, and science.

I want to share with you a few additional resources this year accompanying the state score report that can be found in the [TCAP Family Portal](#). The Tennessee Department of Education has been gathering input this year on what parents would like to see and this redesigned version reflects that input. However, if after spending time in the Family Portal, there is something else you think would be helpful to see on this platform, please feel free to provide feedback [here](#). The Family Portal was designed specifically for you to help accelerate your student's academic achievement.

#### **What you will find in the portal:**

- **Your student's scores compared to grade-level expectations.** You will find a measure of whether your student scored Below Expectations, Approaching Expectations, Met Expectations, or Exceeded Expectations, based on their TCAP results in all three subjects: math, ELA, and science.
- **Personalized Student Video Reports** in five languages: English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, and Mandarin, which provide a quick, easy-to-understand summary of your student's TCAP results, areas of strengths, and areas where they may need support in the year ahead, in the language you speak at home.
  - **Information about the types of grade-level questions on the TCAP**, including:
    - Specific questions and student responses with an explanation about why a student's answer was correct or incorrect (under the 'Test Questions' tab for tests taken in 2020-21)
    - Sample questions for every grade level and subject area (click "View Sample Questions" on the Personalized Video page)
- **An individualized summary in all subject areas.** For example, in ELA you might see that your student excelled at editing text for grammar, needs additional work using relevant text evidence, and a recommended practice would be using informational text to support the main idea. (Under the 'Test Results' tab).
- **Historical data [dating back to 2019](#)** is available for you to track your student's academic achievement and acceleration over time and through the pandemic. This provides you an opportunity to compare your student's academic progress in a specific subject this year to progress in that same subject in past years.
- **Questions to ask your student's teacher** to learn more about how you can collaborate to support your student's academic progress.

#### **How to access the portal:**

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Find your student's "unique access code" or "USID" on the bottom right-hand corner of their printed score report. If you do not have a score report to reference, please contact your school and ask for your student's state ID number. You'll add two zeroes in front of that seven-digit number to create an account. For example, a state ID 1234567 would become 001234567.

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Visit the Family Portal at [KnowMoreLearnMoreTN.TnEdu.Gov](http://KnowMoreLearnMoreTN.TnEdu.Gov) to either register for the first time or return to your unique page using your student's code.

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Log in to find information on your student's performance, a personalized video in your home language, questions to ask their teacher, and where they may need additional support. Use this more detailed information to partner with your student's teacher at the beginning of the school year.

If you do not have a score report to reference, please contact your school and ask for your student's state ID (USID) number. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to TDS. We hope you find this new resource helpful.

Here at [The Discovery School](#), we know that no single measure can provide you with a complete picture of your student's progress. Instead, this test is intended to be used in combination with your student's report card grades, teacher feedback, and homework assignments. It is important for you to know that we are aligning classroom work with the learning expectations in each grade to ensure that your student has had the benefit of classroom instruction on the content in advance of the test. TCAP has increasingly focused on real world skills and problem solving and has moved away from the rote memorization tests in the past. This means that the subject-area breakdowns are a better reflection of what your student can do.

We hope you will take the results of this test and what you will learn in the portal to discuss your observations with your teacher. The parent-teacher partnership is at the core of consistent academic achievement and acceleration, especially as parents are the link between teachers from year-to-year. The TCAP Family Portal provides information and guidance on how to partner with your student's teacher(s) more effectively, and how to use TCAP results as a tool to support your student.

Thank you,

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