

Claiborne County Department of Education

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3rd Grade parents and guardians,

The updated state law TCA 49-6-3115 took effect in the 2022-2023 school year and requires 3rd-grade students to be proficient on the English-Language Arts portion of the state test, known as TCAP.

Due to this law, a student may have passing grades in ELA at the end of the school year but may not be considered proficient on the statewide test, therefore, only be promoted to the 4th grade with additional support.

Each 3rd-grade student will receive his or her winter Study Island benchmark report showing progress from the beginning to the middle of the school year. To view a video explaining the report, please visit <http://bit.ly/3VPDhqr> Based on the results, the district will provide extra support to help students move to proficiency.

In March, students will take a spring Study Island assessment; this assessment will provide a better understanding of how students will likely perform on the TCAP. The results will be used to support students and create learning plans for a pathway to promotion.

Your child will take the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program, or TCAP, in late April. If your child scores "approaching expectations" or "below expectations," you will receive notification from your child's school to plan for the pathways to promotion.

Pathways to promotion:

- Approaching Expectations:
 - The student takes the retake assessment in late May and scores meeting or exceeded expectations on the TCAP retake.
- or**

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- The student attends summer camp with a 90% attendance rate and shows adequate progress on the post-assessment.
or
- The student attends before school or after school High Dosage Low Ration tutoring (HDLR) three days a week for an hour their entire 4th grade year and shows adequate progress.
- Below Expectation
 - The student takes the retake assessment in late May, and score meeting or exceeded expectations on the TCAP retake.
Or
 - The student attends summer camp with a 90% attendance and attends before school or after school HDLR tutoring three days a week for an hour the entire 4th grade year.

The district and schools will provide additional information and support through Remind, our district website, and Facebook. We will also hold in-person sessions for families to provide learning materials and information to help their children succeed.

If you have questions about the updated state law, please feel free to contact Dr. England at Meagan.England@claibornecsd.org or 423-626-3543

If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact their ELA teacher.

Sincerely,

Dr. England

Elementary/Middle and Accountability Instructional Supervisor