



## Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program

### TCAP Achievement Assessment (Grades 3-8)

#### ★ Winter/Spring 2007 - Winter 2007/08

- Preliminary planning for Tennessee to join the American Diploma Project, an initiative of the national, bi-partisan, non-profit organization Achieve, Inc.
- Tennessee Diploma Project kicks off with a statewide leadership meeting at the State Capitol.
- TDP Teams organize in the areas of: *Leadership, Math and English/Language Arts Standards Alignment, Business Outreach, Higher Education Outreach, K-12 Outreach, Parent and Student Outreach, Professional Development, Assessment Redesign, Communication, and Project Sustainability.*
- *Outreach* led by THEC to higher education system freshmen math and English instructors. Surveys completed, collected and analyzed.
- New K-12 math and reading/language arts Content Standards created by TN Educators vetted for alignment to national content and college and career standards by Achieve.
- New K-12 science Content Standards created by TN Educators and vetted for alignment to national and college and career standards.
- Governor Bredesen facilitates "Roundtable Meetings" organized by the Tennessee Business Roundtable and the Hyde Family Foundations with key state CEOs in Memphis, Jackson, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Kingsport and Nashville.
- All content standards vetted by TN stakeholder committees.
- SBE final approval for New TN K-12 Content Standards for math, reading/language arts, and science.
- New content standards from TDOE Teaching and Learning to TDOE Assessment for preliminary work on style and item writing.
- ESL, Special Education, and parent meeting on science content standards and draft achievement level descriptors – October 23-24, 2007

#### ★ January to May 2008

- Item creation by vendors and initial review of items by TDOE staff and TN educators in math, reading/language arts, and science.
- Governor's Assessment Advisory Group Meeting – Initial meeting on standards and assessments – March 2
- Governor's Assessment Advisory Group Meeting – Achievement Levels – May 14
- Task Force on Setting Achievement Standards for English Language Arts, Math, and Science – May 14-15

#### ★ March 15, 2008 – (Start of new 3-8 contract with Pearson Educational Measurement) (PEM)

- Transition from CTB McGraw Hill (CTB) to PEM for assessment administration and development.
- Grades 3-8 Achievement, Grades 3-8 Modified Assessment (MAAS for 2% Sp Ed students), Grades 3-8 Linguistically Simplified (ELSA for ELL/ESL students)

#### ★ Summer 2008 - Fall 2008

- Content Standards, Assessment, Data Professional Development
  - Standards Awareness Training Phase I (approximately 4500 system personnel participated in the training)
  - Content standards, assessment, data, and offer makeup Professional Development worksessions to systems not sending teachers during the Summer, 2008 Institute

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- Development and rollout of Electronic Learning Center (ELC) providing online standards training and follow up support to Tennessee educators through PD Portals. Developed in conjunction with Tunes University and Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR)
- Final Review by TDOE staff and TN educators of new achievement items.
- Tennessee working as a part of a multi-state GSEG on Assessing Students with Disabilities (2% MAAS)
- Governor's Assessment Advisory Group Meeting – Characteristics of Assessments and Standard-Setting Process – October 14

### ★ Winter 2009

- Content Standards, Assessment, Data Professional Development
  - Phase II “Unpacking the Standards” (approximately 2000 system/ school administrators and school counselors were provided training)
  - “Content Speciality Workshops in math, English/Language Arts/Reading, and Science offered to High Priority/Target schools and school systems.
  - Continuation of Electronic Learning Center (ELC) development and updating based on new standards training and information
- Continuation of multi-state GSEG on Assessing Students with Disabilities (2% MAAS)
  - Data Analysis, Accommodations, Identification, IEP Team Support, Research and Evaluation for TN MAAS
  - Selection of Field Test population from TN grades 3-8
- Request to USDOE for TN Accountability transition based on implementation of new content standards and assessments.
  - Confirm allowable procedures for new Annual Measurable Objectives based on new assessments. AMO recalibrated to around 20 percentile with 2014 deadline.
    - Confirm request to push back AMO goal of 100% to 2018 or beyond.
  - Request delay of reporting AYP for the 2009-10 SY.
  - Confer and resubmit as required by USDOE.
- Initial Task Force to review the alignment of the Alternate Achievement Content and Achievement Standards (1%) to New Assessments – January 15
- ESL, special education, and parents meeting on achievement standards for English Language Arts, math, and science

### ★ Spring 2009 – (TCAP Achievement Assessment Administration Window: March 30 – April 24)

- Provide “Content Specialty Workshops in math, English/Language Arts/Reading, and Science to High Priority/Target schools and school systems.
- SBE final approval of performance level definitions.
- Field Test New Achievement items. (TCAP Form T with embedded field test items.)
- Process, score, and report for TCAP T. (Last of the “old” standards and assessments.)
- Field Test TCAP MAAS (2% SpEd)
- Final reading for Achievement Levels and Descriptors at State Board Meeting – April 15

### ★ Summer/Fall 2009

- Continued Content Standards, Assessment, Data Professional Development
- Phase II. Retrain Cohort I. Train the Trainers – “What Worked?” 4500 teachers/educators invited back for refresher courses.

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- Content Specialty Workshops in math, English/Language Arts/Reading, and Science to ALL schools and school systems.
  - Continuation of Electronic Learning Center (ELC) development and updating based on new standards training and information.
  - Review of Field Test item statistics and development of new Achievement Assessment forms, assessment administration format, final preparation for equating 'old' to "new" standards and assessments.
- ★ **Spring 2010** (TCAP Achievement Assessment Administration Window: March 22 – April 9)
- New Operational Assessment administered with items written on new grade level content standards. (TCAP Form A, ELSA, and MAAS)
  - Onsite Assistance Standards Teams – Exemplary Educators, Systemwide Targeted Assistance Teams (STATs), and Achievement Gap Elimination (AGE) members trained to follow up and trouble shoot with teacher/administrators.
- ★ **Spring/Summer 2010**
- New Achievement "Cut" Scores Established. (Achievement "Performance" Standard Setting Required.)
  - Phase II. School/Systemwide Improvement Teams Cohort – Retrain the trainers.
  - Continue development of the Electronic Learning Center (ELC). Pod cast development.
  - SBE review Achievement "Cut" Score recommendations
  - SBE approval of Achievement "Cut" Scores.
- ★ **Spring/Summer/Fall 2010** (Continuous reporting at all levels.)
- New reporting to students, schools, and districts for achievement performance, TVAAS, AYP, and the State Report Card. (New Achievement Standards Applied to all reporting.)