

Do your best on the test!

Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) tests are given to students in grades 3-8 each spring while students taking high school courses take End of Course (EOC) exams. TCAP tests are timed, multiple choice assessments that measure skills in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Both TCAP and EOC tests are important to students and help determine how schools and our district are classified under the federal No Child Left Behind law. To help students do their best on the tests, we have compiled this list of testing tips.

Preparing for the Test

- Use past homework assignments, class notes and available materials to review for the test.
- Take practice tests, which are available on the Tennessee Department of Education website:
 - For TCAP: http://state.tn.us/education/assessment/ach_samplers.shtml
 - For EOC: http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/sec_samplers.shtml.
- Mark your calendar now to remember test days.

On Test Days

- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive at school on time.

Test Taking Do's and Don'ts



DO read and pay careful attention to all directions.

DO read each passage and accompanying questions.

DO read every possible answer.

DO skip difficult questions until all other questions have been answered. Return to unanswered items if time permits.

DO check your work. After completing the test, use any remaining time to check your answers.

DON'T expect to find a pattern in the positions of the correct answers.

DON'T make uneducated guesses. Try to get the correct answer by reasoning and eliminating wrong answers.

DON'T spend too much time on any one question.

DON'T second guess yourself. Only change an answer if you are sure the first one you picked was wrong.

DO keep a good attitude and think positively!

For more test strategies, visit:

<http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/doc/tsteststrategies.pdf>.

