

Seven Things You Need to Know About
TNReady English Language Arts

1.

TNReady will assess students' reading and writing skills together to ensure students are prepared for success after graduation.

TNReady will assess our state ELA standards, a common set of expectations for what students should know and be able to do at the end of a grade. You can find the ELA standards here: <http://www.tn.gov/education/standards/english.shtml>. Because reading all types of materials is critical in the real world, students will read and respond to both fiction and non-fiction.

2.

TNReady will give students and parents clear information about whether they are on track to graduate from high school and be successful in college and the workplace.

Students who do well on TNReady will be prepared for college-level classes.

3.

TNReady will become the state's new and improved TCAP test in English language arts.

TNReady will include: writing that requires students to cite evidence from a text they just read, interactive questions where students organize main ideas or edit a paper, and questions that ask students to justify their answers. Grammar is assessed through student writing and stand-alone editing questions.

4.

TNReady will replace the writing assessment given each February.

Students will receive a single score for English language arts, integrating both writing and reading.

5.

TNReady will be given two separate times during the school year: Part I and Part II.

Part I will be administered in February or March and Part II in April or May. Part I will replace the current writing assessment whereas Part II questions will require fewer open-ended responses. Block schedules will have adjusted timelines.

6.

Local schools and school systems will have greater flexibility in scheduling TNReady.

TNReady will be administered to students as part of their regular classroom schedule. Schools will only take the assessment for a few days within the testing window, minimizing interference with teaching and learning in classrooms.

7.

TNReady will be administered online to reflect the skills students need to be successful in the real world.

Students will have access to online tools including a notepad and highlighter to support their reading and writing process. Standard tools like spell check, copy/paste, and bold/underline will also be available. If districts need additional time to become online ready, a paper-pencil back up option will be available based on readiness.