State Assessment for Non-Public Schools

Non-public schools must register with Tennessee Department of Education in order to administer the state assessment. **Non-Public School Reporting Form (TCA 49-6-3007)** can be found on TN Department of Education's website.

What are the training requirements?

A district testing coordinator and proctor are required to train for the state assessment.

How many times per year is training offered?

The Regional Assessment Training is a daylong training twice a year in September and February. The non-public webinar is a 3 to 4 hour training just for non-public district testing coordinators (DTCs) in December and February. The training is mandatory in February.

Is there a cost to attend?

There is not a cost to attend training conducted by Tennessee Department of Education.

Is the proctor a staff member?

The proctor can be a staff member, teacher assistant, volunteer, or parent as long as their child is not taking the test.

Is the test on paper or computer?

Tennessee Department of Education offers computer-based tests and paper-based tests.

Will there be a cost to administer the test?

It is unlikely that TNDOE will charge a fee to administer the test, but we are working with TNDOE via the rules process to prohibit any potential fees. We will share the draft rules once submitted by TNDOE to the Secretary of State in the fall.

What subjects are tested?

Grade 3-11 will be required to take English Language Arts and Math to receive an ESA.

How much time is required for testing?

The test can be administered across two days for a total of six missed instructional hours. The times vary by grade. English Language Arts vary from 180 minutes to 230 minutes. Math will vary from 115 minutes to 145 minutes.

Where do students take the test?

Students can take the test at their school. Schools can partner with other independent schools if they want to share a classroom and test administrator.