



Fast Facts

WHAT'S NEXT FOR STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE TENNESSEE LEARNING LOSS REMEDIATION AND STUDENT ACCELERATION ACT?

This year, fourth graders required to attend tutoring will receive dedicated support from approximately 100 MSCS Specialized Education Assistants throughout the year. These 1,400 students will engage in small-group tutoring with a 1:3 adult-to-student ratio during the class day. Identified students will receive during-the-day tutoring for 30 minutes, two times a week in English Language Arts instruction. Additional before- and after-school tutoring opportunities will also be available. The identified students have been pre-enrolled in the small-group, tutoring sessions that run from August to April.

TCAP TIMELINE

Spring 2023: Students across MSCS completed the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

May 19, 2023: Third-grade TCAP ELA scores were released to the District, and parents were notified about re-testing opportunities.

Fall 2023: TDOE will release statewide and district data in the fall as part of the State Report Card.

HOW MANY THIRD GRADERS WERE ENROLLED IN THE SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMY?

Approximately 3,700 third graders attended the Summer Learning Academy.

After MSCS reviewed the multiple pathways for interventions, appeals, and exemptions related to the state's third-grade retention law, 667 third graders were required to attend SLA based on their TCAP scores.

HOW MANY MSCS THIRD-GRADE STUDENTS WERE RETAINED DUE TO THE NEW STATE LAW?

Of the approximately 7,100 third graders in district-managed schools, approximately 70 students were retained due to the state's Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act. We are creating targeted supports to help these striving students succeed.

HOW WERE PARENTS INFORMED OF THEIR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

All parents were notified of their child's next steps. In addition to weekly website updates and four live stream specials, MSCS sent 25 text messages, robocalls, and emails to families between the end of the TCAP in April and the end of summer break in August regarding the Pathways to 4th Grade. We're pleased with how well our parents and students responded to our Summer Learning Academy and tutoring enrollment, and we thank them for their support.

HOW WAS THE DECISION ON RETENTION MADE?

Students who made a score of "below" had to maintain 90% attendance in Summer Learning Academy. SLA was originally scheduled to end on July 19. Due to severe weather and power outages that affected families across the Mid-South this year, MSCS held make-up sessions until Aug. 4 to help as many students as possible meet the state's promotion requirements.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND TUTORING, PER THE THIRD-GRADE RETENTION LAW?

Students who make a score of "below" and were promoted are mandated to receive year-long tutoring. Students who make a score of "approaching" and did not attend 90% of SLA are mandated to receive year-long tutoring.

Students who make a score of "approaching" and did not show adequate growth in the post-test given at the end of SLA are mandated to receive year-long tutoring. Students who make a score of "approaching" and selected year-long tutoring as their intervention pathway are mandated to receive year-long tutoring.

WHAT IS "ADEQUATE GROWTH"?

[Here's more information](#) on how the state defines adequate growth.

WHAT OPTIONS DO PARENTS HAVE FOR THEIR THIRD/FOURTH GRADERS?

You can read more about the MSCS Literacy Commitment and the multiple pathways to 4th grade [here](#). (Scroll to the bottom for the Pathways to 4th Grade.)



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