



# **TNReady and Scoring Updates**

# Recap on 2016-17 Transition Year

- Students in grades 3-8 took TNReady for the **first time**.
- **Results set a new baseline** that is aligned to our higher expectations.
  - The proficiency drop does not mean students are going backward, **and we do not want any teacher or student to be discouraged**. We expect performance will improve as students and educators rise to meet higher expectations.
- High school students took TNReady for the **second time**.
  - 24 districts participated in TNReady online for high school
  - After setting a new baseline last year, **students grew across the board on end-of-course exams this year**.

# Scoring Issue

- The department conducts **multiple data quality checks** to ensure all assessment data is accurate. We provide an embargo period for districts to review their data and report any questions.
- During this embargo period, a question regarding results surfaced that we asked Questar, our assessment vendor, to investigate.
- Questar did an extensive review of **all TNReady** tests.

# Scoring Issue

- Questar discovered a few questions were scored incorrectly on three end-of-course exams.
- The scoring error was caused by the vendor's scanning programming.
- The assessments impacted were some English I & II and Integrated Math II end-of-course exams. Only a few questions on **5 out of 275** versions/forms of the EOC tests were scored inaccurately.
- In total, **9,400 assessments out of 1.9 million** were affected by a scoring error.
- Assessments for **grades 3-8 were not impacted.**

# Scoring Issue

- **Less than 1%** of all assessments given were impacted.
- Of the 9,400 impacted assessments, less than 1,700 changed in performance level.
  - For those students, **94% earned a higher score.**
  - In total, these 1,700 tests represent less than 0.1% of all TNReady assessments. 99.9% of tests were scored correctly.

# Scoring Issue

- The EOC scoring issue impacted 70 schools (out of 1,800) in 33 districts (out of 146).
- Because relatively few (0.3%) EOC tests had performance level changes, statewide results are not impacted.
- The multiple quality checks in place at the vendor, state, and district levels prevented this error from impacting any accountability determinations.
- The department will update the individual TVAAS growth measures for any of the 230 teachers who may be impacted by these student score changes. **We are reaching out to those educators to let them know about this issue through TNCompass.**

# Scoring Issues

- Questar has taken full responsibility for the error and has re-scored tests and rerun any score reports **at no cost to the state**. Corrected results have been provided to districts.
- Questar recognizes the severity of the issue and will ensure their quality processes are strengthened.
- Additionally, as we move to online assessments, data errors will be less likely. **No school that tested online was affected by the scoring programming issue.**

# Our Expectation

- Though we have reported more than 99.9% of grades 3-8 and EOC score data correctly, **we expect 100% accuracy.**
- We hold our vendor and ourselves to the highest standard of delivery because that is what students, teachers, and families in Tennessee deserve.



# Continued Transition in 2017-18

- We are continuing to **provide more practice questions**.
  - PDF practice tests are in EdTools now.
  - Practice testing began on Monday in Nextera.
  - In November, we will provide a community preview of the Classroom Assessment Builder.
  
- We are **improving data entry processes with districts**.
  - Teacher-Student Claiming began the week of October 16, rather than the end of the year as in previous years, and all processes are driven by EIS/SIS.

# Continued Transition in 2017-18

- All **high school students** will take TNReady **online**. Districts will have the option to participate online for grades 5-8.
- We are working on **returning scores faster**.
  - Raw score delivery will be updated, and districts will be more proactive in how they choose to approach report cards based on delivery dates.

# Continued Transition in 2017-18

- We continue to **provide resources** on TNReady.gov, including:
  - Blueprints;
  - Writing rubrics and anchor (model) papers, including annotated student responses;
  - FAQs;
  - Parent guides and resources;
  - Sample standard analysis and score reports (your district can provide you with yours).



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**Questions?**