



**State Board of Education Workshop  
2014-15 Social Studies Assessment Transition Plan  
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# Overview

- The department seeks approval from the board to transition to the new social studies assessments including:
  - No administration of Social Studies TCAP in 2014-15
  - Social studies assessments will not count for student grades
- In 2013, 85% of students scored proficient or advanced on the 3-8 Social Studies TCAP Achievement tests, and 96% students scored proficient or advanced on the U.S. History End of Course TCAP assessment.
- Last year the board approved a new set of social studies standards for grades K-12 for the 2014-15 school year.
  - Major changes to the revised standards include the incorporation of more primary source materials, such as historical documents, and the inclusion of important events and items specific to Tennessee's history.

# New Social Studies Assessments Needed

- In July 2013, the board approved a new set of social studies standards for K-12 to be implemented in the 2014-15 school year.
- The new standards represent a substantive change in the rigor of expectations and the content covered in each grade level.
- The current Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Social Studies Achievement and End of Course tests do not adequately measure the new standards.
- Because the content changes are significant, we must field test the new Social Studies TCAP Assessments after implementation of the new standards (in the 2014-15 school year.)

# Social Studies Courses

Grade	Current/ Past	2014-15 and beyond
6 <sup>th</sup>	World History (Ancient – 1400)	World History and Geography (Beginnings to Fall of Roman Empire)
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Geography	World History and Geography (Middle Ages to Age of Exploration)
8 <sup>th</sup>	U.S. History (Colonies-Civil War)	US History and Geography (Colonization to Reconstruction)
High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World History (1200-1750)</li> <li>• U.S. History II (Reconstruction-present)</li> <li>• Govt &amp; Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World History and Geography (18th century to modern time)</li> <li>• U.S. History and Geography (Reconstruction to modern time)</li> <li>• U.S. Government and Civics</li> <li>• Economics</li> </ul>

# 2014-15 Social Studies Assessment Transition Plan

- The department seeks board approval for the plan to transition to the new assessments during the 2014-15 school year.
  
- The 3 main components of the plan are:
  1. There will not be an operational state Social Studies achievement or end of course assessments in the 2014-15 school year.
  2. Social studies assessment results would not be a required component of student grades in 2014-15.
  3. For the 2014-15 school year, social studies will not be part of TVAAS.

# TCAP

- There will not be operational Achievement or End of Course Social Studies TCAP assessments in the 2014-15 school year.
- During the 2014-15 school year, the department will field test the new social studies assessments.
- Social studies TCAP tests will be reinstated in the 2015-16 school year.
- SBOE rules and policies that require an End of Course examination be given in U.S. History would be suspended for one year in the 2014-15 school year.
- Districts will still be required to administer end of course tests for other subject areas as required by board Rule.
- In 2015-16, state social studies testing would resume and districts will be required to administer the new social studies TCAP assessments.

# Student Grades

- Social studies assessment results would not be a component of student grades in 2014-15.
- State law requires that TCAP scores comprise a percentage of students' grades in grades 3-8.
- Since there will not be 3-8 social studies TCAP achievement tests, the results of the tests will not be a component of student grades in the 2014-15 school year.

# TVAAS

- Teachers will not receive individual TVAAS growth scores for social studies for 2014-15.
- Social studies will be considered a non-tested subject for the 2014-15 school year, and social studies teachers who do not teach another tested subject will use school-wide TVAAS growth scores for 25 percent of their overall level of effectiveness.
- Their observations will be worth 60 percent of their overall level of effectiveness.
- Social Studies is not part of school and district accountability.

Questions?



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