TCAP ASSESSMENT BLUEPRINT Science Grade 3

This blueprint describes the content and structure of an assessment and defines the ideal percentage of operational test items by Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) and standard of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP).

IDEAL PERCENTAGE OF ITEMS*	DCI AND STANDARDS	
36-40%	Physical Sciences (PS)	
	3.PS1	Matter and Its Interactions
	3.PS2	Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions
	3.PS3	Energy
24-28%	Life Sciences (LS)	
	3.LS1	From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes
	3.LS2	Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
	3.LS4	Biological Change: Unity and Diversity
32-36%	Earth & Space Sciences (ESS)	
	3.ESS1	Earth's Place in the Universe
	3.ESS2	Earth's Systems
	3.ESS3	Earth and Human Activity
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0-8% Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science (ETS)** 3.ETS1 Engineering Design 3.ETS2 Links Among Engineering, Technology, Science and Society

28-32 Total Items (including embedded field test items)

*The ranges shown indicate the % of operational items on the assessment and are not a reflection of score points. **Reported as a part of another DCI.

