

# ACCOUNTABILITY in Tennessee

## WHY IT MATTERS

Tennessee's accountability system is central to the academic progress made in the state over the last decade and provides a critical view of how well educators, schools and districts are serving all students.

- Student assessments help families and educators get *an accurate picture of what our students know, where there are opportunities for growth, and how they can best support students.*
- Student assessment results are *traditionally used in evaluation and accountability measures* for educators, schools and districts.
- The 2019-20 & 2020-21 school years have been disrupted and though educators are working hard to overcome new challenges, they have *faced extended time away from their classrooms* and students.



## KEY TAKEAWAY

Assessment results will not be used in teacher evaluations or school accountability this year so educators can *focus on understanding where students are academically, catching students up, and accelerating student learning.*



## ACCOUNTABILITY HOLD HARMLESS ACT

This legislation *removes negative consequences associated with evaluation and accountability this year*, so long as the district meets at least 80% participation rate for TCAP assessments or receives a waiver. Assessment scores from the 2020-21 school year would only be incorporated into evaluations or accountability measures if it benefited the teacher, school, or district.

**HOLD  
HARMLESS  
FOR 2020-2021...**



**TEACHER  
EVALUATIONS**



**SCHOOL  
ACCOUNTABILITY**



**DISTRICT  
ACCOUNTABILITY**