

TNReady: Mathematics Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is the best way to prepare students for TNReady?*

TNReady is a new and improved TCAP assessment for math and English language arts (ELA). TNReady is aligned to the Tennessee State Standards, which are the learning expectations for students in every grade level and content area. The best preparation for TNReady is strong instruction throughout the year rooted in our state standards.

2. *Will all students have a no-calculator portion on the TNReady mathematics assessment?*

Yes, in all grade levels, the first subtest of Part II will be taken without a calculator.

3. *What types of questions will students be asked on the no-calculation portion?*

The questions on the no-calculator portion will include friendlier numbers *and* may assess standards that require little or no calculation. For additional clarification, please review this guidance document [here](#).

4. *How will fluency be assessed on TNReady?*

Fluency will be assessed on the no-calculator portion of TNReady in grades 3-6. Fluency standards requiring unspecified, multi-digit computation will be assessed within reasonable limits.

5. *What standards will be assessed on the performance tasks for grades 3-8?*

The TNReady test blueprints were updated on October 15. A line was added to specifically address the clusters to be assessed by the performance task during the 2015-16 school year. The updated blueprints can be found [here](#).

6. *Do MICA and MIST hold students to the same expectations? I heard MICA was easier.*

MICA and MIST hold students to the same high expectations that will be assessed on TNReady. The items included on both MICA and MIST are chosen from the same bank of items as the operational TNReady assessment.

7. *How should I use MICA?*

You should use MICA to gauge student learning and to increase their comfort with the test design and online platform. MICA has between 50-70 items per grade, displays the full range of standards, and is continuously available online (<http://www.micatime.com>).

8. *Where else can I find other practice items similar to the items that will be asked on TNReady?*

The only state-approved places to find items similar in style to TNReady are MICA and MIST. The items for the TNReady operational test, the MICA item sampler, and the MIST sample test come from the same item bank, which has been reviewed by Tennessee educators. Because all items come from the same bank, we are able to say that the items on MICA and MIST are the closest to TNReady items.