



# 2015 State Teacher Policy Yearbook

## Tennessee

OVERALL GRADE

**B**

**B-**  
2011

**B**  
2013

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### STATES

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# Executive Summary

The 2015 *State Teacher Policy Yearbook* includes the National Council on Teacher Quality's (NCTQ) full review of the state laws, rules and regulations that govern the teaching profession. This year's report measures state progress against a set of 32 policy goals focused on helping states put in place a comprehensive framework in support of preparing, retaining and rewarding effective teachers.

## Tennessee at a Glance



**Overall 2015  
Yearbook Grade**

2013



2011



2009



## 2015 Tennessee Area Goal Scores

AREA 1: Delivering Well-Prepared Teachers	C+	AREA 3: Identifying Effective Teachers	B
Admission into Teacher Preparation		State Data Systems	
Elementary Teacher Preparation		Evaluation of Effectiveness	
Elementary Teacher Preparation in Reading Instruction		Frequency of Evaluations	
Elementary Teacher Preparation in Mathematics		Tenure	
Early Childhood Teacher Preparation		Licensure Advancement	
Middle School Teacher Preparation		Equitable Distribution	
Secondary Teacher Preparation		AREA 4: Retaining Effective Teachers	B-
Secondary Teacher Preparation in Science and Social Studies		Induction	
Special Education Teacher Preparation		Professional Development	
Special Education Preparation in Reading		Pay Scales and Performance Pay	
Assessing Professional Knowledge		Differential Pay	
Student Teaching		Compensation for Prior Work Experience	
Teacher Preparation Program Accountability		AREA 5: Exiting Ineffective Teachers	B+
AREA 2: Expanding the Teacher Pool	C	Extended Emergency Licenses	
Alternate Route Eligibility		Dismissal for Poor Performance	
Alternate Route Preparation		Reductions in Force	
Alternate Route Usage and Providers			
Part-Time Teaching Licenses			
Licensure Reciprocity			

## Goal Summary

Best Practice: 2
 Fully Meets: 7
 Nearly Meets: 7
 Partially Meets: 8
 Meets Only a Small Part: 5
 Does Not Meet: 3

## Progress on Goals Since 2013

Progress Increased: 1
 Progress Decreased: 5

## AREA 1: Delivering Well-Prepared Teachers

### *Elementary Teacher Preparation*

- As a condition of initial licensure, require that all elementary candidates pass a rigorous content test that assesses knowledge of all core subjects and require a meaningful passing score for each area.
- Ensure all new elementary teachers are prepared to meet the instructional shifts related to informational text and incorporating literacy into all content areas associated with college- and career-readiness standards.
- Establish equivalent requirements for teachers who may teach elementary grades on an early childhood license.

### *Middle School Teacher Preparation*

- Require middle school teacher candidates to pass a content test in every core area they are licensed to teach as a condition of initial licensure.

### *Secondary Teacher Preparation*

- As a condition of initial licensure, require secondary candidates to pass a content test in each subject they are licensed to teach.
- Ensure all new secondary teachers are prepared to meet the instructional shifts related to informational text, incorporating literacy into all content areas and supporting struggling readers associated with college- and career-readiness standards.

### *Special Education Teacher Preparation*

- Require elementary special education candidates to pass a rigorous content test as a condition of initial licensure.
- Ensure secondary special education teachers possess adequate content knowledge for the grades and subjects they teach.
- Ensure that all new special education candidates are prepared to meet the instructional shifts related to informational text and incorporating literacy into all content areas associated with college- and career-readiness standards.

## AREA 2: Expanding the Teaching Pool

### *Alternate Routes to Certification*

- Increase admission requirements to alternate route programs, including a high bar for academic proficiency and passage of a subject-matter test.
- Establish guidelines for alternate route programs that require preparation that meets the immediate needs of new teachers. Ensure programs provide intensive induction support to alternate route teachers.

### *License Reciprocity*

- Grant certification to teachers from other states who can demonstrate evidence of effectiveness.

## AREA 3: Identifying Effective Teachers

### *State Data Systems*

- Develop a definition of teacher of record that can be used to provide evidence of teacher effectiveness.

### *Licensure Advancement*

- Base licensure renewal on evidence of effectiveness.

### *Equitable Distribution of Teachers*

- Publish aggregate school-level teacher evaluation ratings from an evaluation system based on instructional effectiveness.

## AREA 4: Retaining Effective Teachers

### *New Teacher Induction*

- Require effective induction for all new teachers, including mentoring, reduced teaching load, frequent release time to observe effective teachers and seminars appropriate to grade level or subject area.

### *Professional Development*

- Place teachers with less than effective evaluation ratings on structured improvement plans.







Figure A

	Overall State Grade 2015	Overall State Grade 2013	Overall State Grade 2011	Overall State Grade 2009
Florida	B+	B+	B	C
Indiana	B	B-	C+	D
Louisiana	B	B	C-	C-
New York	B	B-	C	D+
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>C-</b>
Arkansas	B-	B-	C	C-
Connecticut	B-	B-	C-	D+
Delaware	B-	C+	C	D
Georgia	B-	B-	C	C-
Massachusetts	B-	B-	C	D+
Ohio	B-	B-	C+	D+
Oklahoma	B-	B-	B-	D+
Rhode Island	B-	B	B-	D
Illinois	C+	C+	C	D+
Michigan	C+	B-	C+	D-
New Jersey	C+	B-	D+	D+
Utah	C+	C	C-	D
Virginia	C+	C+	D+	D+
Colorado	C	C+	C	D+
Kentucky	C	C	D+	D+
Mississippi	C	C	D+	D+
New Mexico	C	D+	D+	D+
South Carolina	C	C-	C-	C-
Arizona	C-	C-	D+	D+
Idaho	C-	D+	D+	D-
Maine	C-	C-	D-	F
Minnesota	C-	C-	C-	D-
Missouri	C-	C-	D	D
Nevada	C-	C-	C-	D-
North Carolina	C-	C	D+	D+
Pennsylvania	C-	C-	D+	D
Texas	C-	C-	C-	C-
Washington	C-	C-	C-	D+
West Virginia	C-	C-	D+	D+
Alabama	D+	C-	C-	C-
District of Columbia	D+	D+	D	D-
Hawaii	D+	D+	D-	D-
Kansas	D+	D	D	D-
Maryland	D+	D+	D+	D
California	D	D+	D+	D+
Iowa	D	D	D	D
Nebraska	D	D-	D-	D-
New Hampshire	D	D	D-	D-
North Dakota	D	D	D	D-
Oregon	D	D	D-	D-
Wisconsin	D	D+	D	D
Wyoming	D	D	D	D-
Alaska	D-	D	D	D
South Dakota	D-	D-	D	D
Vermont	D-	D-	D-	F
Montana	F	F	F	F

# How to Read the Yearbook



## GOAL SCORE

The extent to which each goal has been met:

-  Best Practice
-  Fully Meets
-  Nearly Meets
-  Partially Meets
-  Meets Only a Small Part
-  Does Not Meet

## PROGRESS INDICATOR

Whether the state has advanced on the goal or the state has lost ground on that topic:

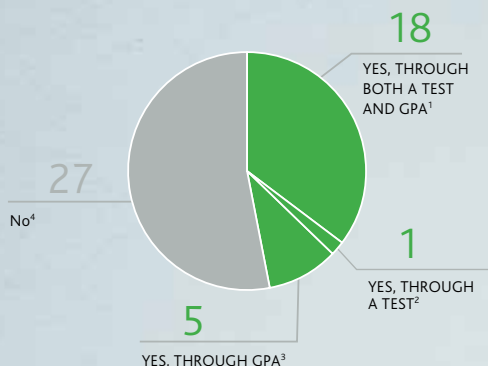
-  Goal progress has increased since 2013
-  Goal progress has decreased since 2013

## BAR RAISED FOR THIS GOAL

Indicates the criteria to meet the goal have been raised since the 2013 Yearbook.

## READING CHARTS AND TABLES:

Strong practices or the ideal policy positions for the states are capitalized:

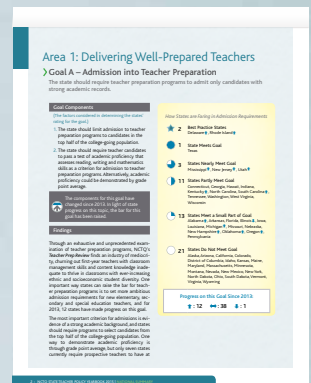


This year's edition of the *State Teacher Policy Yearbook* features a new format for presenting state and national data.

Each state's volume is now summarized to present the most important information about key teacher quality policies in an infographic format. Full narrative versions -- including detailed analyses and recommendations as well as the state response for each policy topic -- can now be found online, using NCTQ's State Policy Dashboard (<http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>).



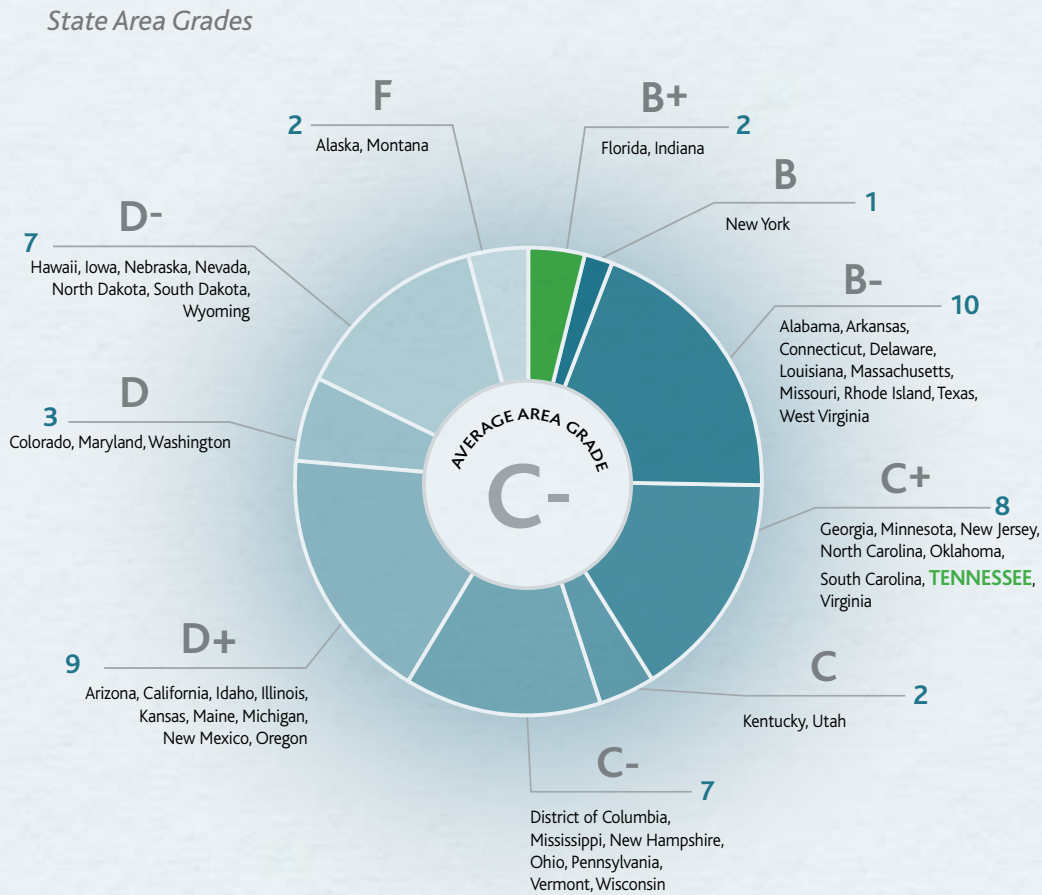
The National Summary maintains the traditional *Yearbook* format and presentation. Topics are organized as policy goals, including the specific components that form the basis of each analysis. National findings are included for each goal, as well as a comprehensive set of tables and graphs that provide a national overview of the teacher policy landscape.



# Area 1 Summary



## How States are Faring on Delivering Well-Prepared Teachers



### Topics Included In This Area

- Admission into Teacher Preparation
- Elementary Teacher Preparation
- Middle School Teacher Preparation
- Secondary Teacher Preparation
- Special Education Teacher Preparation
- Assessing Professional Knowledge
- Student Teaching
- Teacher Preparation Program Accountability

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' admission into teacher prep policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Admission into Teacher Prep

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Admission into Teacher Prep

Preparation programs only admit candidates with strong academic records.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013

Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Admission into Teacher Prep

Yes

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for admission to a teacher preparation program.

Yes

A test of academic proficiency normed to the college-bound population is required prior to admission to a teacher preparation program.

## TENNESSEE Admission into Teacher Prep Characteristics

Test Requirement	Requirement for cohort average above the 50th percentile on admissions test normed to college-bound population is based on CAEP accreditation standards, not state's own admissions policy.
GPA Requirement	Required cohort minimum GPA of 3.0 is based on CAEP accreditation standards, not state's own admissions policy.



## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ADMISSION INTO TEACHER PREP POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

### ■ Establish rigorous admission criteria independent of accreditation process.

While the CAEP standards set an admirably high bar for admission to teacher preparation programs, Tennessee should enact its own policy articulating rigorous criteria for admission. Clear state policy would send an unequivocal message to programs about the state's expectations.

### ■ Consider requiring candidates to pass subject-matter tests as a condition of admission into teacher programs.

In addition to ensuring that programs require a measure of academic performance for admission, Tennessee might also want to consider requiring content testing prior to program admission as opposed to at the point of program completion.

## Examples of Best Practice

While many states now require CAEP accreditation, which includes a standard requiring strong admission practices, **Delaware, Rhode Island** and **West Virginia** have set a high bar independent of the accreditation process, ensuring that the state's expectations are clear. These states require a test of academic proficiency normed to the general college-bound population rather than a test that is normed just to prospective teachers. Delaware, Rhode Island and West Virginia require teacher candidates to have a 3.0 GPA or to be in the top 50th percentile for general education coursework completed. Rhode Island and West Virginia also require an average cohort GPA of 3.0, and, beginning in 2016, the cohort mean score on nationally normed tests such as the ACT, SAT or GRE must be in the top 50th percentile. In 2020, the requirement for the mean test score will increase from the top half to the top third.

## SUMMARY OF ADMISSION INTO TEACHER PREP FIGURES

### ■ **Figure 1** Academic proficiency requirements

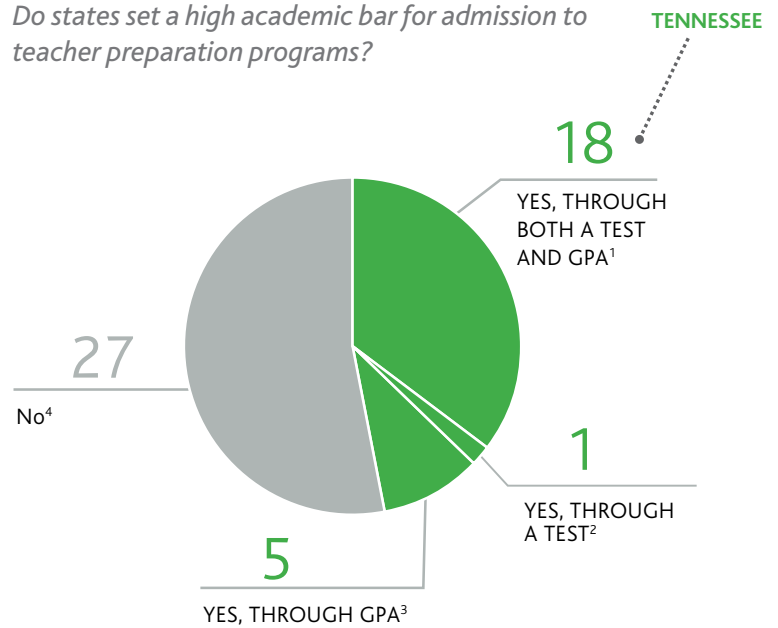
Other admission figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Admission tests (p. 4)
- Minimum GPA for admission (p. 5)

For more information about TENNESSEE's admission into teacher prep policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 1

Do states set a high academic bar for admission to teacher preparation programs?



1. **Strong Practice:** Alabama<sup>5</sup>, Arkansas<sup>5</sup>, Delaware<sup>6</sup>, District of Columbia<sup>5</sup>, Indiana<sup>5</sup>, Louisiana<sup>5</sup>, Michigan<sup>5</sup>, New Jersey<sup>7</sup>, New York<sup>5</sup>, North Carolina<sup>5</sup>, Oklahoma<sup>5</sup>, Oregon<sup>5</sup>, Rhode Island, South Carolina<sup>5</sup>, Tennessee<sup>5</sup>, Utah<sup>5</sup>, Virginia<sup>5</sup>, West Virginia

2. **Strong Practice:** Texas

3. **Strong Practice:** Georgia, Hawaii<sup>8</sup>, Mississippi, Montana, Pennsylvania<sup>9</sup>

4. Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

5. Requirement for admissions test normed to college-bound population and cohort minimum GPA of 3.0 are based on CAEP accreditation standards, not state's own admissions policies.

6. Candidates can qualify for admission through the GPA or test requirement.

7. New Jersey requires a cohort minimum GPA of 3.0. The requirement for admissions test normed to college-bound population is based on CAEP accreditation standards, not state's own admissions policies.

8. Requirement for cohort minimum GPA of 3.0 is based on CAEP accreditation standards, not Hawaii's own admission standards. Hawaii exempts candidates with a bachelor's degree from admission testing requirements.

9. Candidates can also be admitted with a combination of a 2.8 GPA and qualifying scores on the basic skills test or SAT/ACT.

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' elementary teacher preparation policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Elementary Teacher Preparation

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Content Knowledge

New elementary teachers know the subject matter they are licensed to teach.



### Reading Instruction



New elementary teachers know the science of reading instruction and understand the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards.



### Mathematics

New elementary teachers have deep knowledge of the math content taught in elementary grades.



### Early Childhood

Teachers who can teach elementary grades on an early childhood license are appropriately prepared for the elementary classroom.



Fully meets  
 Nearly meets  
 Partially meets  
 Meets only a small part  
 Does not meet  
 N/A Not Applicable  
 Progress increased since 2013  
 Lost ground since 2013  
 Bar raised for this goal



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Elementary Teacher Preparation



No

Content test required for elementary teachers in each of the four core subjects.



Yes

An adequate science of reading test is required.



Somewhat

Teacher preparation and licensure requirements for elementary teachers include the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards.



Somewhat

Elementary teachers must have an academic content specialization.



Somewhat

Teachers who teach elementary grades on an early childhood license are held to appropriate content and early reading requirements.

## TENNESSEE Elementary Teacher Preparation Characteristics

Elementary Licenses	K-5; PreK-3
Content Tests	Praxis II Elementary Education Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (5017) and Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5018) K-5; Praxis II Education of Young Children (5024) and Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5018) PreK-3. Tennessee now allows teachers up to three years to pass content tests.
Science of Reading Requirements	Praxis II (5204) Teaching Reading: Elementary Education K-5; PreK-3
Academic Specialization	A major is required but there is no assurance it is an academic subject area
Instructional Shifts Associated with College-and Career-Readiness Standards	Complex informational text: Partially addressed Incorporating literacy into core subjects: Not addressed (K-5); Fully addressed (PreK-3) Struggling readers: Fully addressed

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ELEMENTARY TEACHER PREPARATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Require all elementary teacher candidates—including candidates for an early childhood license—to pass a subject-matter test designed to ensure sufficient content knowledge of all subjects including reading/language arts, math, science and social studies.**

Tennessee should require a rigorous content test with separate, meaningful passing scores for each core academic area to assure elementary teachers have adequate knowledge in each subject area they are licensed to teach. While a degree may be generally indicative of background in a particular subject area, only a subject-matter test ensures that teachers know the specific content they will need to teach.

### SUMMARY OF ELEMENTARY TEACHER PREPARATION FIGURES

- **Figure 2** Content test requirements
- **Figure 3** Science of reading tests
- **Figure 4** Instructional shifts associated with college-and career-readiness standards
- **Figure 5** Math requirements
- **Figure 6** Requirements for early childhood teachers

Other elementary teacher preparation figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Academic concentrations (p. 8)
- Science of reading preparation and testing requirements (p. 11)
- Early childhood content tests (p. 18)
- Early childhood science of reading tests (p. 19)
- Early childhood math tests (p. 19)
- Early childhood instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards (p. 20)

For more information about TENNESSEE's elementary teacher prep policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

## RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

- **Ensure that elementary and early childhood teachers are prepared to meet the instructional requirements of college- and career-readiness standards for students.**

*Incorporate informational text of increasing complexity into classroom instruction.*

Tennessee is encouraged to strengthen its teacher preparation requirements and ensure that all teachers licensed to teach at the elementary level have the ability to adequately incorporate complex informational text into classroom instruction—as a condition of initial licensure.

*Incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject.*

To ensure that elementary school students are capable of accessing varied information about the world around them, Tennessee should include specific teacher preparation requirements for all teachers licensed to teach at the elementary level regarding literacy skills and using text as a means to build content knowledge in history/social studies, science, and the arts.

- **Require elementary teacher candidates to complete a content specialization in an academic subject area.**

Tennessee's policy requiring elementary candidates to earn an academic major is undermined because it may be met with an interdisciplinary major. Unlike an academic major, an interdisciplinary major will not necessarily enhance teachers' content knowledge or ensure that prospective teachers have taken higher-level academic coursework.

## Examples of Best Practice

Unfortunately, NCTQ cannot award "best practice" honors to any state's policy in the area of elementary teacher preparation. However, three states—**Florida**, **Indiana** and **Virginia**—are worthy of mention for holding early childhood candidates who are licensed to teach elementary grades to the same standards as all other elementary teachers. Each state requires its early childhood candidates to pass a content test with separately scored subtests, as well as a test of scientifically based reading instruction. Florida also ensures that both early childhood and elementary education teachers are prepared to meet the instructional requirements of college- and career-readiness standards for students.

**California** stands out for its focus on elementary teachers' readiness to teach reading and literacy skills. All elementary education candidates must pass a comprehensive assessment that specifically tests the five elements of scientifically based reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. California's test frameworks go further than most states in ensuring that elementary teacher candidates have the ability to not only build content knowledge and vocabulary through careful reading of informational and literary texts, but also to challenge students with texts of increasing complexity. Candidates must also show they know how to incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject and are prepared to intervene and support students who are struggling.

**Massachusetts's** MTEL mathematics subtest continues to set the standard in this area by evaluating mathematics knowledge beyond an elementary school level and challenging candidates' understanding of underlying mathematics concepts.

Figure 2

Do states ensure that elementary teachers know core content?

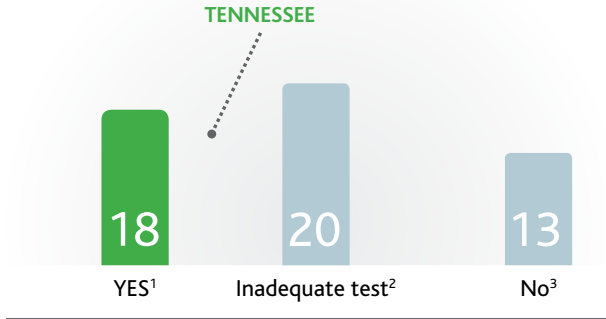
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Figure 2

1. Alaska does not require testing for initial licensure.
2. Massachusetts and North Carolina require a general curriculum test that does not report scores for each elementary subject. A separate score is reported for math.
3. Only teachers of grades 4 and 5 are required to pass a content test in Ohio.
4. New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content and pedagogy tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.

Figure 3

Do states measure new elementary teachers' knowledge of the science of reading?



- Strong Practice:** Alabama<sup>4</sup>, California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina<sup>5</sup>, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee<sup>6</sup>, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wyoming
- Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota
- Alabama's reading test spans the K-12 spectrum.
- Teachers have until their second year to pass the reading test.
- New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content and pedagogy tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.

Figure 4

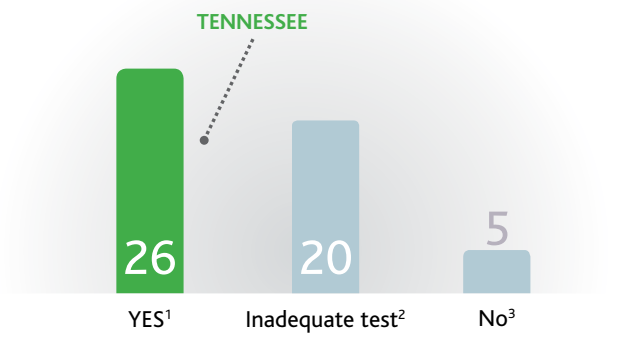
Are states ensuring that new elementary teachers are prepared for the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards?

	USE OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT	INCORPORATING LITERACY SKILLS INTO ALL SUBJECTS	SUPPORTING STRUGGLING READERS
Alabama	█	█	█
Alaska	□	□	□
Arizona	█	□	█
Arkansas	█	█	█
California	█	█	█
Colorado	█	█	█
Connecticut	█	□	█
Delaware	█	□	□
District of Columbia	█	□	□
Florida	█	█	█
Georgia	□	□	█
Hawaii	□	□	□
Idaho	█	█	□
Illinois	█	□	█
Indiana	█	□	█
Iowa	□	□	□
Kansas	█	□	□
Kentucky	█	□	□
Louisiana	█	□	█
Maine	█	□	□
Maryland	█	□	█
Massachusetts	□	□	█
Michigan	□	█	█
Minnesota	█	█	█
Mississippi	█	□	█
Missouri	█	█	□
Montana	□	□	□
Nebraska	█	□	□
Nevada	█	□	□
New Hampshire	█	□	█
New Jersey	█	□	□
New Mexico	█	□	█
New York	█	□	█
North Carolina	█	█	█
North Dakota	█	□	□
Ohio	█	□	█
Oklahoma	█	□	█
Oregon	█	□	█
Pennsylvania	█	□	█
Rhode Island	█	□	█
South Carolina	█	█	█
South Dakota	□	□	□
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	█	□	█
Texas	█	█	█
Utah	█	□	□
Vermont	█	█	□
Virginia	█	□	█
Washington	█	□	█
West Virginia	█	□	█
Wisconsin	█	□	█
Wyoming	█	□	□

█ Fully addresses instructional component █ Partially addresses instructional component

Figure 5

Do states measure new elementary teachers' knowledge of math?



- Strong Practice:** Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming
- Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee<sup>4</sup>, Washington, Wisconsin
- Alaska<sup>5</sup>, Hawaii, Iowa, Montana, Ohio<sup>6</sup>
- New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content and pedagogy tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.
- Testing is not required for initial licensure.
- Only teachers of grades 4 and 5 are required to pass a content test in Ohio.

Figure 6

- These states do not offer a standalone early childhood certification that includes elementary grades, or the state's early childhood certification is the de facto license to teach elementary grades.
- Florida's test consists of three subtests covering language arts and reading, math and science.
- Early childhood candidates may pass either multiple subjects (subscores) or content knowledge (no subscores) test.
- New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content and pedagogy tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.

Figure 6

What do states require of early childhood teachers who teach elementary grades?

	CONTENT TEST WITH SUBSCORES FOR EACH SUBJECT	ADEQUATE SCIENCE OF READING TEST
Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alaska <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arkansas <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
California <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delaware	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District of Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Georgia <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kansas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Louisiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michigan <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mississippi <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missouri	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Montana <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Jersey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ohio <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oregon <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pennsylvania <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhode Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TENNESSEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup>
Texas <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vermont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wisconsin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>



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# Middle School Teacher Preparation

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Middle School Teacher Preparation




New middle school teachers are sufficiently prepared to teach appropriate grade-level content and for the ways that college- and career-readiness standards affect instruction.



Fully meets  
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  Bar raised for this goal

## TENNESSEE Snapshot Middle School Teacher Preparation

	Somewhat	Middle school teachers must pass a content test for each subject they are licensed to teach.
	Yes	Middle school teachers must hold a middle grade-specific or secondary license.
	Yes	Teacher preparation and licensure requirements for middle school teachers include the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards.

## TENNESSEE Middle School Teacher Preparation Characteristics

Middle School Licenses	6-8
Content Tests	Praxis II Middle School single-subject tests; New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.
Academic Requirements	Candidates must complete one of the following: an interdisciplinary major that includes study in English, mathematics, science and social studies; an interdisciplinary major in two disciplines from the arts and sciences; or a major in a single discipline from the arts and sciences with an area of emphasis in at least one additional discipline outside the major.
Instructional Shifts Associated with College- and Career-Readiness Standards	Complex informational text: Partially addressed Incorporating literacy into core subjects: Fully addressed Struggling readers: Fully addressed

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER PREPARATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

### ■ Eliminate the test exemption.

While a degree may be generally indicative of background in a particular subject area, only a subject-matter test ensures that teachers know the specific content they will need to teach.

## Examples of Best Practice

**Arkansas** ensures that all middle school teacher candidates are adequately prepared to teach middle school-level content. The state does not offer a K-8 generalist license, requires passing scores on subject-specific content tests and explicitly requires at least two content-area minors. Arkansas also ensures that middle school teachers are prepared to meet the instructional requirements of college- and career-readiness standards for students. The state's competencies for the middle grades specify that middle school candidates must have the ability to not only build content knowledge and vocabulary through careful reading of informational and literary texts but also to challenge students with texts of increasing complexity. Candidates must also know how to incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject and are prepared to intervene and support students who are struggling.

## SUMMARY OF MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER PREPARATION FIGURES

- **Figure 7** Distinctions in licenses between middle and elementary teachers
- **Figure 8** Content test requirements
- **Figure 9** Requirements for instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards

For more information about TENNESSEE's middle school teacher prep policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 7

Do states distinguish middle grade preparation from elementary preparation?

	K-8 LICENSE NOT OFFERED	K-8 license offered for self-contained classrooms	K-8 license offered
Alabama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
California	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delaware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District of Columbia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Georgia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Illinois	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iowa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Louisiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maryland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Massachusetts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mississippi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missouri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Montana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Jersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Ohio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup>
Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pennsylvania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhode Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Texas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vermont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wisconsin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Wyoming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>

1. Offers 1-8 license.

2. California offers a K-12 generalist license for all self-contained classrooms.

3. With the exception of mathematics.

Figure 8

*Do middle school teachers have to pass an appropriate content test in every core subject they are licensed to teach?*

	YES	No. test does not report subscores for all core subjects	No. K-8 license requires only elementary test	No. testing of all subjects not required
Alabama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
California	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>
Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delaware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District of Columbia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Georgia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup>
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Louisiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maryland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>5</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mississippi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missouri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Montana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>6</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Jersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>7</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>8</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ohio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pennsylvania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhode Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>9</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Texas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vermont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wisconsin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>

- Alaska does not require content tests for initial licensure.
- Candidates teaching multiple subjects only have to pass the elementary test. Single-subject credential does not require content test.
- For K-8 license, Idaho also requires one single-subject test.
- Illinois requires candidates to take a middle level core content test if a test is available. It is not clear that this will result in teachers passing a test in each subject.
- Maryland allows elementary teachers to teach in departmentalized middle schools if not less than 50 percent of the teaching assignment is within the elementary grades.
- New Hampshire requires K-8 candidates to have a core concentration and to pass a middle school content test in a core area. Teachers with a 5-8 license must pass a Praxis II assessment.
- For nondepartmentalized classrooms, generalist in middle childhood education candidates must pass the new assessment with three subtests.
- Teachers may have until second year to pass tests, if they attempt to pass them during their first year.
- New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.

Figure 9

Are states ensuring that new middle school teachers are prepared for the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards?

	USE OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT	INCORPORATING LITERACY SKILLS INTO ALL SUBJECTS	SUPPORTING STRUGGLING READERS
Alabama	☑	☑	☑
Alaska	☐	☐	☐
Arizona	☑	☐	☐
Arkansas	☑	☑	☑
California	☐	☐	☐
Colorado	☑	☑	☑
Connecticut	☑	☐	☐
Delaware	☑	☐	☐
District of Columbia	☑	☐	☐
Florida	☑	☑	☑
Georgia	☑	☑	☑
Hawaii	☐	☐	☐
Idaho	☑	☑	☐
Illinois	☑	☑	☑
Indiana	☑	☑	☑
Iowa	☐	☐	☐
Kansas	☑	☐	☐
Kentucky	☑	☐	☐
Louisiana	☑	☐	☑
Maine	☑	☐	☐
Maryland	☑	☐	☐
Massachusetts	☐	☐	☐
Michigan	☐	☐	☐
Minnesota	☑	☑	☑
Mississippi	☑	☐	☐
Missouri	☑	☑	☑
Montana	☐	☐	☐
Nebraska	☐	☐	☐
Nevada	☑	☐	☐
New Hampshire	☑	☑	☑
New Jersey	☑	☐	☐
New Mexico	☐	☐	☐
New York	☑	☐	☑
North Carolina	☑	☑	☐
North Dakota	☑	☐	☐
Ohio	☑	☐	☑
Oklahoma	☐	☐	☐
Oregon	☑	☐	☐
Pennsylvania	☑	☑	☑
Rhode Island	☑	☐	☑
South Carolina	☑	☑	☑
South Dakota	☑	☐	☐
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	☑	☑	☑
Texas	☑	☑	☑
Utah	☑	☐	☐
Vermont	☑	☐	☑
Virginia	☑	☑	☐
Washington	☐	☐	☐
West Virginia	☑	☐	☐
Wisconsin	☑	☐	☑
Wyoming	☐	☐	☐

☑ Fully addresses instructional component ☐ Partially addresses instructional component

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# Secondary Teacher Preparation

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Content Knowledge






New secondary teachers are sufficiently prepared to teach appropriate grade-level content and for the ways that college- and career-readiness standards affect instruction.






### General Science and Social Studies






Secondary science and social studies teachers know all the subject matter they are licensed to teach.



 Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

 Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013  
  Bar raised for this goal

## TENNESSEE Snapshot Secondary Teacher Preparation

	Somewhat	Secondary teachers must pass a content test to teach any single core subject.
	Yes	Only single-subject science certifications are offered or general science license has appropriate requirements to ensure teachers know each included subject.
	Yes	Only single-subject social studies certifications are offered or general social studies license has appropriate requirements to ensure teachers know each included subject.
	Yes	A content test is required to add an endorsement to a license.
	Somewhat	Teacher preparation and licensure requirements for secondary school teachers include the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards.

## TENNESSEE Secondary Teacher Preparation Characteristics

Secondary Licenses	6-12
Content Tests	Praxis II single-subject content test required for initial licensure. However, candidates may delay passage of content tests for up to two years if they have a content area major.
General Science License and Testing Requirements	Not offered
General Social Studies License and Testing Requirements	Not offered
Endorsement Requirements	Content test required
Instructional Shifts Associated with College-and Career-Readiness Standards	Complex informational text: Partially addressed Incorporating literacy into core subjects: Not addressed Struggling readers: Partially addressed

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SECONDARY TEACHER PREPARATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

#### ■ Eliminate test exemption.

While a degree may be generally indicative of background in a particular subject area, only a subject-matter test ensures that teachers know the specific content they will need to teach.

#### ■ Ensure meaningful content tests.

Tennessee should reevaluate its passing scores so that all tests reflect high levels of performance. For example, the passing score for the Praxis II World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge test is set just above the 9th percentile.

### SUMMARY OF SECONDARY TEACHER PREPARATION FIGURES

- **Figure 10** Content test requirements
- **Figure 11** Instructional shifts associated with college-and career-readiness standards

Other secondary teacher preparation figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Endorsement requirements (p. 28)
- Content knowledge of general science teachers (p. 32)
- Content knowledge of general social studies teachers (p. 33)

## RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

- Ensure that secondary teachers are prepared to meet the instructional requirements of college- and career-readiness standards for students.

*Incorporate informational text of increasing complexity into classroom instruction.*

Although Tennessee's required secondary English language arts content test addresses informational texts, the state should strengthen its policy and ensure that teachers are able to challenge students with texts of increasing complexity.

*Incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject.*

To ensure that secondary students are capable of accessing varied information about the world around them, Tennessee should include specific requirements regarding literacy skills and using text as a means to build content knowledge in history/social studies, science, technical subjects and the arts.

*Support struggling readers.*

Tennessee should articulate more specific requirements ensuring that secondary teachers are prepared to intervene and support students who are struggling.

## Examples of Best Practice

**Missouri** requires that secondary teacher candidates pass a content test to teach any core secondary subjects. Of particular note, Missouri ensures that its secondary science teachers know the content they teach by taking a dual approach to general secondary science certification. The state offers general science certification but only allows these candidates to teach general science courses. Missouri also offers an umbrella certification—called unified science—that requires candidates to pass individual subtests in biology, chemistry, earth science and physics. These certifications are offered in addition to single-subject licenses. In addition, Missouri requires general social studies teachers to pass a multi-content test with six independently scored subtests.

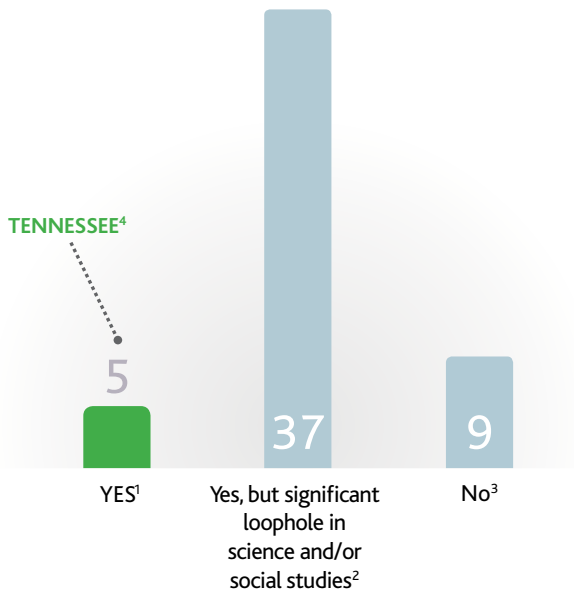
**Arkansas** also ensures that secondary teachers are prepared to meet the instructional requirements of college- and career-readiness standards for students. The state's competencies specify that secondary teacher candidates must have the ability to not only build content knowledge and vocabulary through careful reading of informational and literary texts but also to challenge students with texts of increasing complexity. Candidates must also know how to incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject and are prepared to intervene and support students who are struggling.

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Figure 10

Do secondary teachers have to pass a content test in every subject area for licensure?



1. **Strong Practice:** Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, Tennessee<sup>4</sup>
2. Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina<sup>5</sup>, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin
3. Alaska<sup>6</sup>, Arizona<sup>7</sup>, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Montana, Washington, Wyoming
4. New legislation in Tennessee allows teachers to delay passage of content and pedagogy tests if they possess a bachelor's degree in a core content area.
5. Teachers may also have until second year to pass tests, if they attempt to pass them during their first year.
6. Alaska does not require content tests for initial licensure.
7. Candidates with a master's degree in the subject area do not have to pass a content test.

Figure 11

Are states ensuring that new secondary teachers are prepared for the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards?

	USE OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT	INCORPORATING LITERACY SKILLS INTO ALL SUBJECTS	SUPPORTING STRUGGLING READERS
Alabama	✓	✓	✓
Alaska	□	□	□
Arizona	✓	□	□
Arkansas	✓	✓	✓
California	✓	✓	✓
Colorado	✓	✓	✓
Connecticut	✓	□	□
Delaware	✓	□	□
District of Columbia	✓	□	□
Florida	□	✓	✓
Georgia	✓	□	□
Hawaii	□	□	□
Idaho	✓	□	□
Illinois	□	□	□
Indiana	✓	✓	✓
Iowa	□	□	□
Kansas	✓	□	□
Kentucky	✓	□	□
Louisiana	✓	□	✓
Maine	✓	□	□
Maryland	✓	□	✓
Massachusetts	□	□	□
Michigan	□	□	✓
Minnesota	✓	✓	✓
Mississippi	✓	□	□
Missouri	✓	✓	✓
Montana	□	□	□
Nebraska	✓	□	□
Nevada	✓	□	□
New Hampshire	✓	✓	✓
New Jersey	✓	□	□
New Mexico	□	□	□
New York	✓	□	✓
North Carolina	✓	✓	□
North Dakota	✓	□	□
Ohio	✓	□	✓
Oklahoma	□	□	□
Oregon	✓	□	□
Pennsylvania	✓	□	✓
Rhode Island	✓	□	✓
South Carolina	✓	✓	✓
South Dakota	✓	□	□
TENNESSEE	✓	□	✓
Texas	✓	✓	✓
Utah	✓	✓	□
Vermont	✓	□	✓
Virginia	✓	✓	□
Washington	✓	□	✓
West Virginia	✓	□	□
Wisconsin	✓	□	□
Wyoming	□	□	□

Fully addresses instructional component
  Partially addresses instructional component

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# Special Education Teacher Preparation

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Content Knowledge

New special education teachers know the subject matter they are licensed to teach.



### Reading Instruction

New elementary teachers know the science of reading instruction and understand the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Special Education Teacher Preparation

	Yes	Only discrete elementary and secondary special education licenses are offered.
	No	Elementary subject-matter test is required for elementary special education license.
	No	Secondary-level test in at least one subject area is required for secondary special education license.
	Yes	An adequate test on the science of reading is required for elementary special education teachers.
	Somewhat	Teacher preparation and licensure requirements for special education teachers include the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards.

## TENNESSEE Special Education Teacher Preparation Characteristics

Special Education License(s)	PreK-3; K-8; 6-12
Content Tests	Not required
Science of Reading Test	Praxis II Teaching Reading: Elementary Education Test
Instructional Shifts Associated with College-and Career-Readiness Standards	Complex informational text: Partially addressed Incorporating literacy into core subjects: Not addressed Struggling readers: Fully addressed

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PREPARATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Require that elementary special education candidates pass a rigorous content test as a condition of initial licensure.**

Tennessee should require a rigorous content test that reports separate, meaningful passing scores for each content area to ensure teachers possess requisite content knowledge in each subject area.

- **Ensure that secondary special education teachers possess adequate content knowledge.**

While it may be unreasonable to expect multi-subject secondary special education teachers to meet the same requirements as single-subject teachers, Tennessee's current policy of requiring no subject-matter testing is problematic and will not help special education students to meet rigorous learning standards.

### SUMMARY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PREPARATION FIGURES

- **Figure 12** Distinctions in licenses between elementary and secondary teachers
- **Figure 13** Content test requirements
- **Figure 14** Instructional shifts associated with college-and career-readiness standards

Other special education teacher preparation figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Science of reading tests (p. 39)

## RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

- **Ensure that new special education teachers are prepared to incorporate informational text of increasing complexity into classroom instruction.**

Either through testing frameworks or teacher standards, Tennessee should specifically address the instructional shifts toward building content knowledge and vocabulary through increasingly complex informational texts and careful reading of informational and literary texts associated with the state's college- and career-readiness standards for students.

- **Ensure that new special education teachers are prepared to incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject.**

Tennessee should also include specific requirements regarding literacy skills and using text as a means to build content knowledge in history/social studies, science, technical subjects and the arts.

## Examples of Best Practice

Unfortunately, NCTQ cannot award "best practice" honors to any state's policy in the area of special education. However, **New York** and **Rhode Island** are worthy of mention for taking steps in the right direction in ensuring that all special education teachers know the subject matter they are licensed to teach. These states require that elementary special education candidates pass the same elementary content tests, which are comprised of individual subtests, as general education elementary teachers.

Secondary special education teachers in New York must pass a multi-subject content test for special education teachers comprised of three separately scored sections. Rhode Island requires its secondary special education teachers to hold certification in another secondary area.

In addition, **California** ensures that all special education teachers are prepared to meet the instructional requirements of college- and career-readiness standards for students. All special education candidates must pass a comprehensive assessment that specifically tests the five elements of scientifically based reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. California's test frameworks go further than most states and ensure that special education teacher candidates have the ability to not only build content knowledge and vocabulary through careful reading of informational and literary texts but also to challenge students with texts of increasing complexity. Candidates also must know how to incorporate literacy skills as an integral part of every subject and are prepared to intervene and support students who are struggling.

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Figure 12

*Do states distinguish between elementary and secondary special education teachers?*

	DOES NOT OFFER A K-12 CERTIFICATION	Offers K-12 and grade-specific certification(s)	Offers only a K-12 certification
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Wisconsin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Figure 12

- Missouri offers a K-12 certification but candidates must pass either the Elementary Multi-Content Assessment or the new Middle/Secondary Content Assessment (English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) or choose one of the specific content assessment for a specific area of certification.
- Although New Jersey does issue a K-12 certificate, candidates must meet discrete elementary and/or secondary requirements.
- Candidates must meet requirements for both the K-8 and 7-12 special education licenses.

Figure 13

Which states require subject-matter testing for special education teachers?

Elementary Subject-Matter Test	
Required for an elementary special education license	Alabama, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri <sup>1</sup> , New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania <sup>2</sup> , Rhode Island, West Virginia <sup>3</sup> , Wisconsin
Required for a K-12 special education license	Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, North Carolina <sup>4</sup>
Secondary Subject-Matter Test(s)	
Tests in all core subjects required for secondary special education license	Missouri <sup>1</sup> , New York <sup>5</sup> , Wisconsin <sup>6</sup>
Test in at least one subject required for secondary special education license	Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania <sup>2</sup> , Rhode Island, West Virginia <sup>3</sup>
Required for a K-12 special education license	None

1. Missouri offers a K-12 certification but candidates must pass either the Elementary Multi-Content Assessment or the new Middle/Secondary Content Assessment (English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) or choose one of the specific content assessment for a specific area of certification.
2. In Pennsylvania, a candidate who opts for dual certification in elementary or secondary special education as a reading specialist does not have to take a content test.
3. West Virginia also allows elementary special education candidates to earn dual certification in early childhood, which would not require a content test. Secondary special education candidates earning a dual certification as a reading specialist are similarly exempted.
4. North Carolina gives teachers until their second year to earn a passing score, provided they attempt to pass during their first year.
5. New York requires a multi-subject content test specifically geared to secondary special education candidates. It is divided into three subtests.
6. Wisconsin requires a middle school level content area test which does not report subscores for each area.

Figure 14

Are states ensuring that new special education teachers are prepared for the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards?

	USE OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT	INCORPORATING LITERACY SKILLS INTO ALL SUBJECTS	SUPPORTING STRUGGLING READERS
Alabama	■	■	■
Alaska	□	□	□
Arizona	□	□	□
Arkansas	■	□	■
California	■	■	■
Colorado	■	■	■
Connecticut	■	□	■
Delaware	■	□	□
District of Columbia	□	□	□
Florida	■	□	■
Georgia	□	□	□
Hawaii	□	□	□
Idaho	■	■	□
Illinois	□	□	■
Indiana	■	□	■
Iowa	□	□	□
Kansas	□	□	□
Kentucky	□	□	□
Louisiana	■	□	■
Maine	□	□	□
Maryland	□	□	■
Massachusetts	□	□	■
Michigan	□	■	■
Minnesota	■	□	■
Mississippi	□	□	□
Missouri	■	■	■
Montana	□	□	□
Nebraska	□	□	□
Nevada	□	□	□
New Hampshire	□	□	■
New Jersey	■	□	□
New Mexico	□	□	■
New York	■	□	■
North Carolina	■	■	■
North Dakota	□	□	□
Ohio	□	□	■
Oklahoma	□	□	■
Oregon	□	□	□
Pennsylvania	■	■	■
Rhode Island	■	□	■
South Carolina	□	□	□
South Dakota	□	□	□
TENNESSEE	■	□	■
Texas	□	□	■
Utah	□	□	□
Vermont	□	□	□
Virginia	■	□	■
Washington	□	□	□
West Virginia	■	□	■
Wisconsin	■	□	■
Wyoming	□	□	□

■ Fully addresses instructional component   ■ Partially addresses instructional component

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' assessing professional knowledge policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Assessing Professional Knowledge

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Pedagogy Test

Teachers are required to demonstrate professional knowledge of teaching and learning.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013

Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Pedagogy

Yes

All new teachers must pass a pedagogy test.

## TENNESSEE Pedagogy Characteristics

Pedagogy Test	Praxis II or edTPA
Type of Test	Praxis II: multiple choice; edTPA: performance assessment
Teachers Included	All new teachers

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ASSESSING PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Verify that commercially available tests of pedagogy actually align with state standards.**

Tennessee should ensure that its selected test of professional knowledge measures the knowledge and skills the state expects new teachers to have.

- **Ensure that performance assessments provide a meaningful measure of new teachers' knowledge and skills.**

Since additional research is needed to determine how the Teacher Performance Assessment compares to other teacher tests as well as whether the test's scores are predictive of student achievement, Tennessee should carefully monitor and collect data about the validity of the edTPA.

## Examples of Best Practice

Although no state stands out for its pedagogy test policy, eight states are worthy of mention for the licensing test they require to verify that all new teachers meet state standards. **Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma** and **Texas** ensure that all new teachers take a pedagogy test that specifically is aligned with each state's own professional standards.

## SUMMARY OF ASSESSING PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE FIGURES

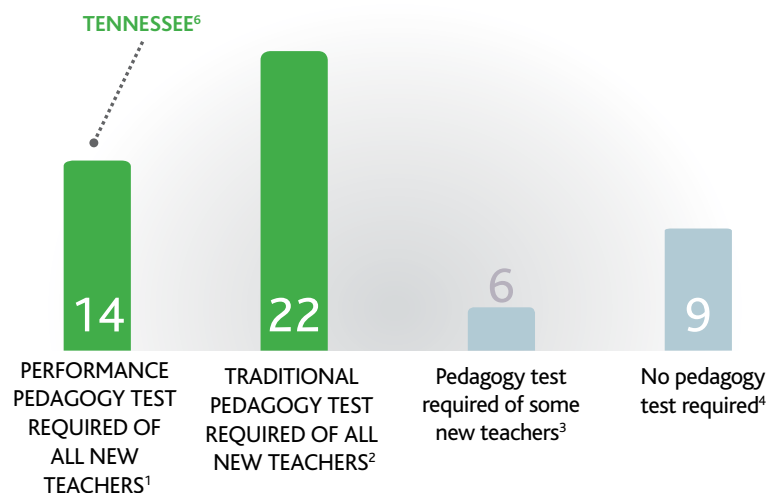
- **Figure 15** Pedagogy tests

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Figure 15

*Do states measure new teachers' knowledge of teaching and learning?*



1. **Strong Practice:** California, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois<sup>5</sup>, Iowa<sup>6</sup>, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Tennessee<sup>6</sup>, Washington, Wisconsin

2. **Strong Practice:** Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina<sup>7</sup>, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia

3. Connecticut, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Utah<sup>8</sup>

4. Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming

5. All new teachers must also pass a traditional pedagogy test.

6. Teachers have the option of the edTPA or a traditional Praxis pedagogy test.

7. North Carolina teachers have until their second year to pass if they attempt to pass during their first year.

8. Not required in Utah until a teacher advances from a Level One to a Level Two license.

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# Student Teaching

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Student Teaching

Teacher candidates are provided with a high-quality clinical experience.



Best Practice  
  Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013

## TENNESSEE Snapshot Student Teaching

	Yes	Student teachers must be placed with an effective teacher, as measured by student learning.
	Yes	Student teaching is at least 10 weeks in length.
	Yes	Student teaching is full time.

## TENNESSEE Student Teaching Characteristics

Duration of Student Teaching	At least 15 weeks
Selection of Cooperating Teachers Connected to Effectiveness	Cooperating teachers must be rated highly effective on a state-approved teacher evaluation
Other Criteria for Selection of Cooperating Teachers	Must be licensed and endorsed in the area where they will be supervising the candidate

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE STUDENT TEACHING POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- As a result of Tennessee's strong student teaching policies, no recommendations are provided.

### Examples of Best Practice

**Rhode Island** and **Tennessee** not only require teacher candidates to complete at least 10 weeks of full-time student teaching, but they also require that cooperating teachers have demonstrated evidence of effectiveness as measured by student learning. Further, both of these states ensure that student teaching is completed locally, which better ensures teacher training on relevant state instructional frameworks and allows a higher degree of program oversight and feedback to the teacher candidate.

### SUMMARY OF STUDENT TEACHING FIGURES

- **Figure 16** Student teaching requirements

Other student teaching figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Effectiveness as a factor in selection of cooperating teachers (p. 44)
- Student teaching duration (p. 45)

For more information about TENNESSEE's student teaching policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 16

*Do states ensure a high-quality student teaching experience?*

COOPERATING TEACHER  
SELECTED BASED ON  
EFFECTIVENESS

STUDENT TEACHING  
LASTS AT LEAST 10 WEEKS

	COOPERATING TEACHER SELECTED BASED ON EFFECTIVENESS	STUDENT TEACHING LASTS AT LEAST 10 WEEKS
Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
California	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Georgia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Illinois	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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# Teacher Prep Program Accountability

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Program Accountability

The approval process for teacher preparation programs holds programs accountable for the quality of the teachers they produce.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013

Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Teacher Prep Program Accountability

Yes	Data are collected that connect student achievement gains to teacher preparation programs.
Yes	Other objective data related to the performance of teacher preparation programs are collected.
No	Minimum standards for program performance have been established.
Yes	Report cards showing program performance are available to the public.
Yes	The state maintains full authority over program approval.

## TENNESSEE Teacher Prep Program Accountability Characteristics

Use of Student Achievement Data	Program performance based in part on institutions' graduates and teacher effect data
Other Data Collected	Recruitment, selection, graduation, placement and retention rates; academic measures of teacher education graduates including GPA, test scores and first time pass rights on content assessments; school system feedback on the performance of graduates during apprentice years using results from local evaluations; and feedback from graduates using a common instrument
Performance Standards for Data Collected	None
Program Report Cards	Publicly accessible report card
Role of National Accreditation	State maintains authority over teacher preparation program approval

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE TEACHER PREP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Establish the minimum standard of performance for each category of data.** Tennessee should establish precise minimum standards for teacher preparation program performance for each category of data, which programs should be held accountable for meeting.

### SUMMARY OF TEACHER PREP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY FIGURES

- **Figure 17** Use of student achievement data
- **Figure 18** Accountability requirements

Other teacher prep program accountability figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- National accreditation (p. 49)

For more information about TENNESSEE's teacher prep program accountability policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

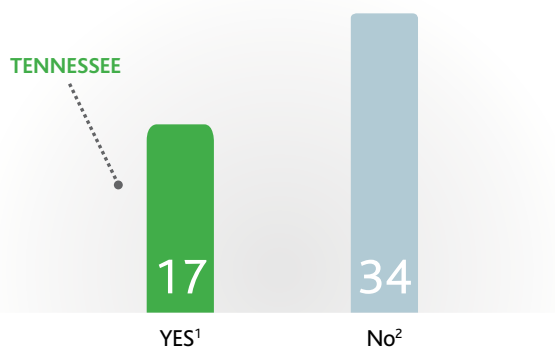
## Examples of Best Practice

**Delaware** and **Florida** have made great strides in teacher preparation program accountability policies in the past few years and now stand out as leaders in this area. In Delaware and Florida, preparation programs report and are held accountable to a number of measures, including the effectiveness of program graduates as measured by student achievement, as well as placement and retention rates of program graduates.

Delaware has developed minimum standards of performance for each data category and has released the first of its program report cards, which make preparation program data accessible and transparent. In Florida, the state applies specific cut-scores in various data categories to decide on continued program approval. In addition, after two years of initial employment, any program completer in Florida who receives an unsatisfactory evaluation rating must be provided additional training by the preparation program at no additional cost to the teacher.

Figure 17

*Do states connect student achievement data to teacher preparation programs?*



1. **Strong Practice:** Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

2. Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Figure 18

Do states hold teacher preparation programs accountable?

	OBJECTIVE PROGRAM-SPECIFIC DATA COLLECTED	MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PERFORMANCE SET	DATA PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE
Alabama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Delaware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Wisconsin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. For traditional preparation programs only.

2. Report cards only include limited data.

3. Report cards are at the institution rather than the program level.

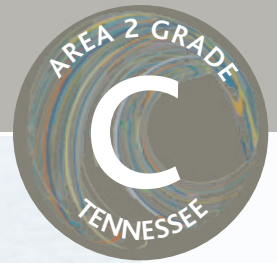
4. Non-university based alternate route programs are not included.

5. For alternate route programs only.

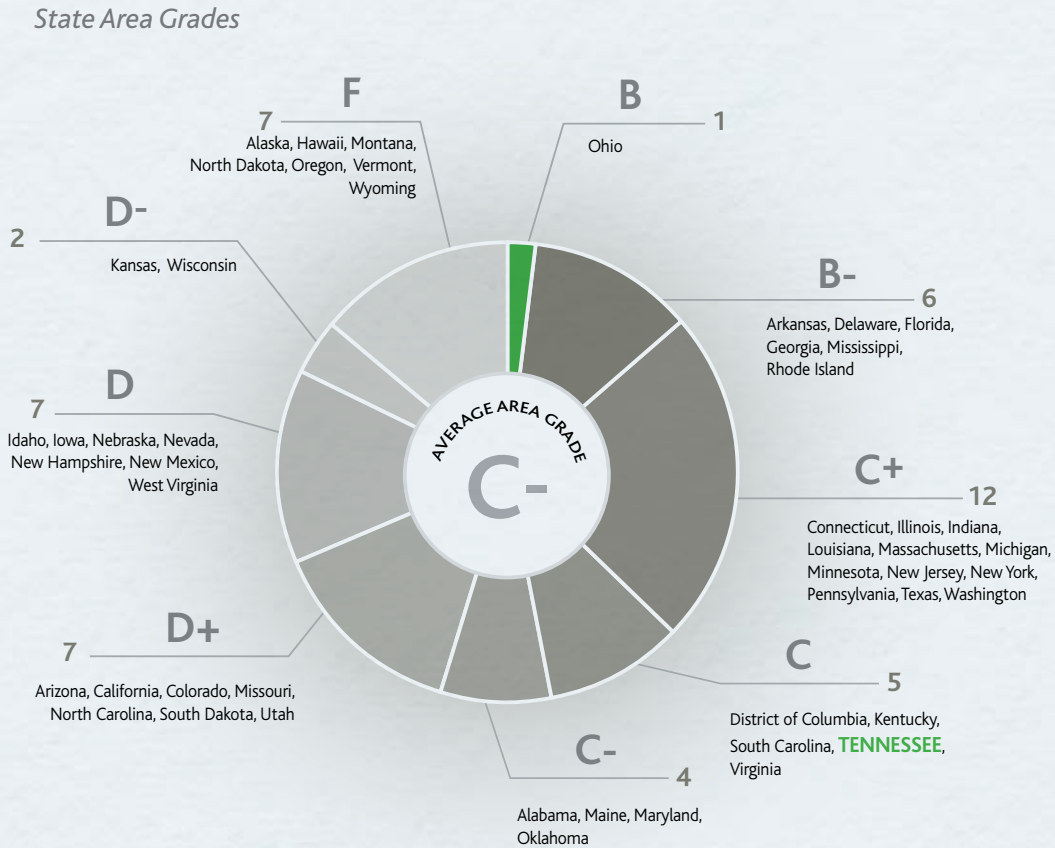
6. University-based programs only; state does not distinguish between alternate route programs and traditional programs in public reporting.



# Area 2 Summary



## How States are Faring in Expanding the Pool of Teachers



### Topics Included In This Area

- Alternate Routes to Certification
- Part-Time Teaching Licenses
- Licensure Reciprocity

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' alternate routes to certification policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Alternate Routes to Certification

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Eligibility

Alternate route programs only admit candidates with strong academic records while also providing flexibility for nontraditional candidates.



### Preparation

Alternate route programs provide efficient preparation that is relevant to the immediate needs of new teachers, as well as adequate mentoring and support.



### Usage and Providers

Alternate routes are free from limitations on usage, and a diversity of providers is allowed.



Fully meets  
 Nearly meets  
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 Meets only a small part  
 Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
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## TENNESSEE Snapshot Alternate Routes to Certification

	Somewhat	A rigorous academic standard is required for program entry.
	No	A subject-matter test is required for admission.
	Yes	Subject-matter test can be used in lieu of a major to demonstrate content knowledge.
	No	A practice teaching opportunity is required prior to becoming teacher of record.
	No	Intensive mentoring is required to support new teachers.
	No	Coursework requirements are streamlined.
	No	Coursework requirements are limited to relevant topics.
	Yes	Alternate routes are offered without limitation by grades, subjects or geographic areas.
	Yes	Providers other than institutions of higher education are permitted.

## TENNESSEE Alternate Routes to Certification Characteristics

Name of Route(s)	Practitioner Licenses are issued to candidates in alternative preparation programs.
Academic Requirements for Entry	Minimum 2.75 GPA with a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credit hours of the degree
Subject-Matter Requirements for Entry	A major in the intended teaching subject or a subject-matter exam
Coursework Requirements	Programs are encouraged to offer 120 credit hours of core curriculum; coursework must cover knowledge and skills pertaining to all areas (i.e., basic problem solving, understanding the interdependence among fields of study), communication, humanities and arts, social science and technology and mathematical concepts and applications; programs must align to InTASC standards
Practice Teaching/Mentoring Requirements	Candidates must be assigned mentors and participate in a clinical practice experience; an orientation must take place within the first three months of a candidate's job-embedded clinical practice
Usage	No limit with regard to subject, grade or geographic area
Eligible Providers	Institutions of higher education, local school districts and organizations in partnership with local school districts

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ALTERNATE ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

#### ■ Increase academic requirements for admission.

Tennessee should require that candidates to its alternate routes provide some evidence of good academic performance, such as a GPA of 3.0 or higher or taking the GRE.

### SUMMARY OF ALTERNATE ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION FIGURES

- **Figure 19** Quality of alternate routes
- **Figure 20** Alternate route requirements

Other alternate routes to certification figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Admission requirements (p. 54)
- Minimum GPA for admission (p. 55)
- Flexibility in demonstrating content knowledge (p. 56)
- Preparation requirements (p. 59)
- Diversity of usage and providers (p. 62)
- Providers of alternate route programs (p. 62)

For more information about TENNESSEE's alternate routes to certification policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

## RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

- **Require applicants to pass a subject-matter test for admission.**

The concept behind alternate routes is that the nontraditional candidate is able to concentrate on acquiring professional knowledge and skills because he or she has strong subject-area knowledge.

- **Establish coursework guidelines for alternate route preparation programs.**

Tennessee should ensure that coursework requirements are manageable and contribute to the immediate needs of new teachers, through exposure to topics like methodology in the content area, classroom management, assessment and scientifically based early reading instruction.

- **Strengthen the induction experience for new teachers.**

Although Tennessee requires all new teachers to work with a mentor, there are insufficient guidelines indicating that the mentoring program is structured for new teacher success. The state should consider strategies like practice teaching prior to teaching in the classroom or intensive mentoring with full classroom support in the first few weeks or months of school.

- **Ensure program completion in less than two years.**

Tennessee should consider shortening the length of time it takes an alternate route teacher to earn standard certification to no later than the end of the second year of teaching.

## Examples of Best Practice

No state can be singled out for its overall alternate route policies. There are, however, states that offer best practices in individual alternate route policy areas.

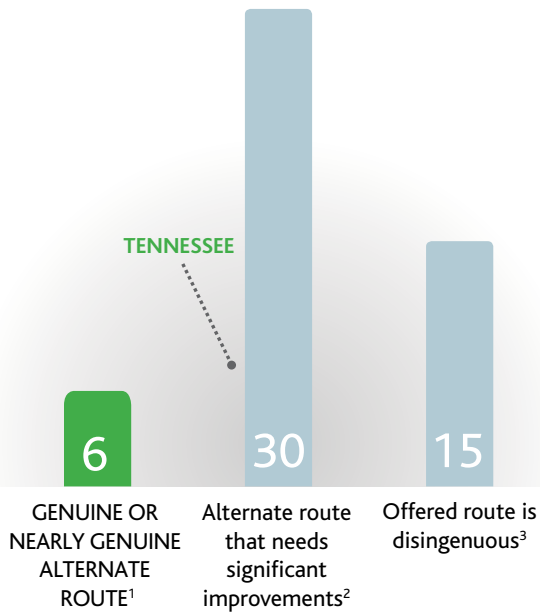
With regard to admissions into alternate routes, the **District of Columbia** and **Michigan** have established a high bar. Both require candidates to demonstrate strong academic performance as a condition of admission with a minimum 3.0 GPA. In addition, neither requires a content-specific major; subject-area knowledge is demonstrated by passing a test, making their alternate routes flexible to the needs of nontraditional candidates. Also worthy of note is new policy in **New York** that significantly raises the bar by requiring that all graduate-level teacher preparation programs adopt entrance standards that include a minimum score on the GRE or an equivalent admission exam and a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0 in the candidate's undergraduate program.

**Delaware** has policies that help to ensure that alternate routes provide efficient preparation that meets the needs of new teachers. The state requires a manageable number of credit hours, relevant coursework, intensive mentoring and a practice teaching opportunity.

Most states offer alternate routes that are widely available across grades, subjects and geographic areas and permit alternate route providers beyond higher education institutions. NCTQ commends all states that permit both broad usage and a diversity of providers for their alternate routes.

Figure 19

*Do states provide real alternative pathways to certification?*



1. **Strong Practice:** Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, Rhode Island

2. Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia

3. Alaska<sup>4</sup>, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming

4. Alaska no longer offers an alternate route to certification.

Figure 20

What are the characteristics of states' alternate routes?

	PREREQUISITE OF STRONG ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	VERIFICATION OF SUBJECT-MATTER KNOWLEDGE	AVAILABILITY OF TEST OUT OPTIONS	STREAMLINED COURSEWORK	RELEVANT COURSEWORK	PRACTICE TEACHING	INTENSIVE MENTORING	BROAD USAGE	DIVERSITY OF PROVIDERS
Alabama	■	□	★	■	■	□	□	■	□
Alaska	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
Arizona	□	□	★	□	□	★	□	★	★
Arkansas	□	★	★	★	★	■	★	■	★
California	□	■	■	□	□	□	★	★	★
Colorado	□	■	★	★	□	□	□	★	★
Connecticut	★	■	■	★	★	★	□	★	★
Delaware	■	■	□	★	★	★	★	■	★
District of Columbia	★	★	★	□	□	★	★	★	★
Florida	□	★	★	■	■	■	□	★	★
Georgia	□	□	★	★	★	□	★	★	★
Hawaii	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	■	■
Idaho	□	■	□	□	□	□	□	□	■
Illinois	★	★	□	□	□	□	□	★	★
Indiana	■	■	□	★	□	□	□	★	★
Iowa	□	□	□	★	□	□	□	□	□
Kansas	□	★	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
Kentucky	■	■	■	■	■	□	★	★	★
Louisiana	□	★	★	□	■	■	■	★	★
Maine	□	★	★	□	□	□	□	■	□
Maryland	□	□	■	□	★	★	★	★	★
Massachusetts	□	★	★	□	★	★	□	★	★
Michigan	★	★	★	□	□	□	□	■	★
Minnesota	★	★	★	□	□	□	★	★	■
Mississippi	□	★	★	★	★	□	□	□	□
Missouri	□	■	□	■	■	□	★	■	■
Montana	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	★	□
Nebraska	□	□	□	★	□	★	□	□	□
Nevada	□	□	★	□	□	□	□	★	★
New Hampshire	□	★	□	□	□	□	□	★	★
New Jersey	★	★	□	★	★	□	★	★	■
New Mexico	□	★	□	■	■	★	□	★	■
New York	★	★	□	■	□	□	■	★	★
North Carolina	□	■	★	□	□	□	□	★	★
North Dakota	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
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<b>TENNESSEE</b>	□	□	★	□	□	□	□	★	★
Texas	★	□	★	□	□	□	□	★	★
Utah	□	■	□	□	□	□	□	★	□
Vermont	□	■	□	□	□	★	□	★	□
Virginia	□	★	■	★	■	■	■	★	★
Washington	□	★	★	□	□	□	★	★	★
West Virginia	□	★	□	□	★	□	□	□	★
Wisconsin	□	■	□	□	□	□	□	■	★
Wyoming	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□

■ For some alternate routes ■ For most or most widely used alternate routes ★ For all alternate routes

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' part-time teaching licenses policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Part-Time Teaching Licenses

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Part-Time Teaching Licenses

A license with minimal requirements is offered that allows content experts to teach part time.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013

Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Part-Time Teaching Licenses

Yes

A part-time license with minimal requirements is available for those with subject-matter expertise.

## TENNESSEE Part-Time Teaching Licenses Characteristics

Name of License	Adjunct License, for critical shortage areas
Subject-Matter Requirements	Bachelor's degree and "verified knowledge of the teaching content area."
Other Requirements	Complete a preservice preparation program approved by the state

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE PART-TIME TEACHING LICENSES POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

### ■ Require applicants to pass a subject-matter test.

Although Tennessee offers a license designed to enable individuals who have significant content knowledge to teach, the state should require that these candidates pass a subject-matter test to ensure expertise in a content area. Only a subject-matter test ensures that teachers on the Adjunct License know the specific content they will need to teach.

### ■ Ensure that preservice training addresses the immediate needs of an adjunct teacher.

While Tennessee is commended for providing teachers on this license with training before they enter the classroom, the state should ensure that this training is streamlined and geared toward immediate needs, such as classroom management.

## Examples of Best Practice

**Georgia** offers a license with minimal requirements that allows content experts to teach part time. Individuals seeking this license must pass a subject-matter test and are assigned a mentor.

## SUMMARY OF PART-TIME TEACHING LICENSES FIGURES

### ■ Figure 21 Part-time licenses

For more information about TENNESSEE's part-time teaching licenses policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>



Figure 21

*Do states offer a license with minimal requirements that allows content experts to teach part time?*

	YES	Restricted or vague license offered	No
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For more information about **TENNESSEE** and other states' reciprocity policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Licensure Reciprocity


## TENNESSEE Ratings


### Reciprocity

With appropriate safeguards, licenses are fully portable across states, especially for effective teachers.



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  Does not meet







 Progress increased since 2013

 Lost ground since 2013

 Bar raised for this goal



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Reciprocity

	No	Evidence of effective teaching is required in reciprocity policy.
	Yes	Out-of-state teachers may apply for a comparable standard license.
	Somewhat	Out-of-state teachers must meet licensing test requirements.
	Yes	No other strings are attached for reciprocity, such as additional coursework or recency requirements.
	Yes	Transcript analysis is not explicitly required.
	Yes	Alternate route teachers receive equal treatment.

## TENNESSEE Reciprocity Characteristics

License Available to Fully Certified Out-of-State Teachers	Practitioner license
Effectiveness Requirements	None
Testing Requirements	Required to submit qualifying scores on required content assessments, but the practitioner license has a three-year validity period, and allows the submission of these scores prior to renewing or advancing this initial license.
Coursework and/or Recency Requirements	None
Additional Alternate Route Requirements	None

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE RECIPROCITY POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Require evidence of effective teaching when determining eligibility for full certification.**

To facilitate the movement of effective teachers between states, Tennessee should require that evidence of teacher effectiveness, as determined by an evaluation that includes objective measures of student growth, be considered for all out-of-state candidates.

- **Ensure out-of-state teachers meet testing requirements in a timely manner.**

Although Tennessee requires out-of-state teachers to meet its own testing standards, the state allows up to three years for this important requirement to be met. Tennessee should strengthen its policy and not allow a teacher to be in a classroom more than one year without having met its testing standards.

### SUMMARY OF RECIPROCITY FIGURES

- **Figure 22** Requirements for licensing teachers from other states

Other reciprocity figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Licensure tests (p. 70)
- Evidence of effectiveness (p. 71)
- Traditional versus alternate route requirements (p. 72)

For more information about TENNESSEE's reciprocity policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 22

What do states require of teachers transferring from other states?

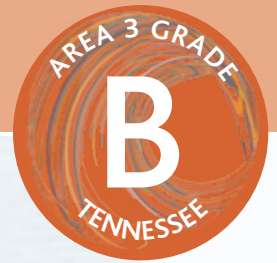
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## Examples of Best Practice

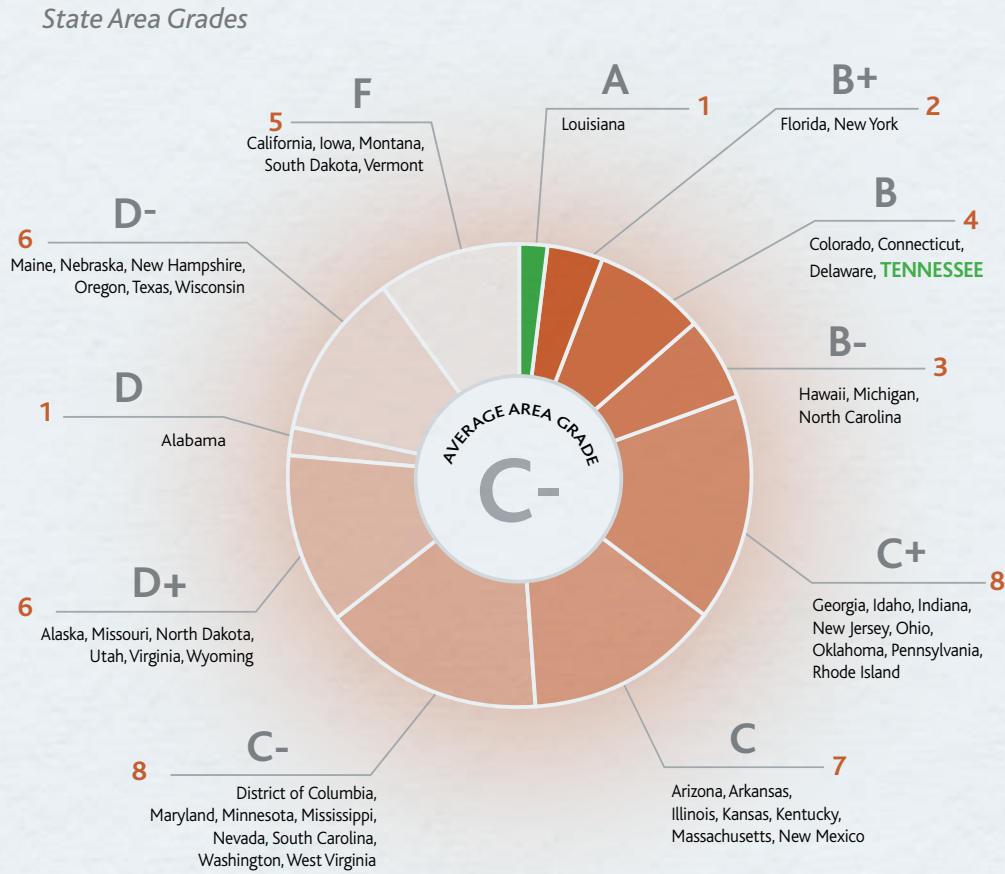
Although no state stands out for its overall reciprocity policies, two states are worthy of mention for their connection of reciprocal licensure to evidence of teacher effectiveness. When determining eligibility for full certification, both **Delaware** and **Idaho** consider teacher evaluations from previous employment that include objective measures of student growth. NCTQ also commends **Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island** and **Texas** for appropriately supporting licensure reciprocity by requiring that certified teachers from other states meet their own testing requirements, and by not specifying any additional coursework or recency requirements to determine eligibility for either traditional or alternate route teachers.

1. Obstacles include transcript analysis, recency and/or coursework requirements, and additional requirements for teachers certified through alternate routes.
2. Alaska allows up to three years to meet testing requirements.
3. Allows up to three years to submit passing scores.

# Area 3 Summary



## How States are Faring in Identifying Effective Teachers



### Topics Included In This Area

- State Data Systems
- Teacher Evaluation
- Tenure
- Licensure Advancement
- Equitable Distribution of Teachers

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' data systems policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# State Data Systems


## TENNESSEE Ratings

### State Data Systems

The state's data system contributes some of the evidence needed to assess teacher effectiveness.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

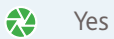
 Progress increased since 2013

 Lost ground since 2013

 Bar raised for this goal



## TENNESSEE Snapshot State Data Systems



Yes

Use of data system for providing evidence of effectiveness is mandated.



No

Teacher of record is adequately defined.



Yes

A process is in place for teacher roster verification.



Somewhat

Data on teacher production are publicly reported.

## TENNESSEE State Data System Characteristics

Teacher Student Data Link	Capacity to connect student identifiers to teacher identifiers and match records over time
Teacher of Record Definition	Not adequately connected to providers of instruction.
Other Characteristics	Roster verification; Ability to connect multiple teachers to a single student
Teacher Production Data/ Hiring Statistics	Publishes an annual report that includes some information on teacher production, but no connection is made between these data and district-level hiring statistics.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE STATE DATA SYSTEM POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- Develop a definition of “teacher of record” that can be used to provide evidence of teacher effectiveness.

Tennessee should articulate a definition of teacher of record that reflects instruction.

- Connect supply data to district hiring statistics.

Tennessee should strengthen its data collection practices by using the data to inform policy decisions and connect program completion and licensure rates to district hiring statistics.

## Examples of Best Practice

**Hawaii** and **West Virginia** are leaders in using their state data systems to support the identification and supply of effective teachers. Both states have all three elements needed to assess teacher effectiveness, and both states have also developed definitions of teacher of record that reflect instruction. Their data links can connect multiple teachers to a particular student, and there is a process for teacher roster verification. In addition, Hawaii and West Virginia publish teacher production data. **Maryland** remains worthy of mention for its “Teacher Staffing Report,” which serves as a model for other states. The report’s primary purpose is to determine teacher shortage areas, while also identifying areas of surplus.

## SUMMARY OF STATE DATA SYSTEMS FIGURES

- **Figure 23** Using data system elements to assess teacher effectiveness

Other state data systems figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Teacher production data (p. 77)

For more information about TENNESSEE's state data system policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 23

Do states' data systems include elements needed to assess teacher effectiveness?

	ADEQUATE TEACHER OF RECORD DEFINITION	CAN CONNECT MORE THAN ONE EDUCATOR TO A STUDENT	TEACHER ROSTER VERIFICATION
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1. Lacks capacity to connect student identifiers to teacher identifiers and match records over time.



For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' teacher evaluation policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Teacher Evaluation

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Evaluation of Effectiveness

Instructional effectiveness is the preponderant criterion of any teacher evaluation.



### Frequency of Evaluations

All teachers receive annual evaluations.



Best Practice  
 Fully meets  
 Nearly meets  
 Partially meets  
 Meets only a small part  
 Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
 Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Teacher Evaluation

	Yes	Objective student data is the preponderant or a significant criterion of teacher evaluations.
	Yes	All teachers are evaluated annually.
	Yes	Multiple observations are required for all teachers.
	Yes	More than two rating categories are used.
	Yes	New teachers receive feedback early in the school year.
	Yes	Surveys (student, parent, peer) are explicitly required or allowed.

## TENNESSEE Teacher Evaluation Characteristics

Use of Student Achievement Data in Evaluation	Preponderant criterion. Tested grades and subjects: 50 percent Nontested grades and subjects: 30 percent
Types of Required Student Data	Tested grades and subjects: assessments (35 percent), other measures (15 percent)
Other Required Measures	Observations
Number of Rating Categories	5
Frequency of Evaluations	Annual for all teachers
Number of Observations	All teachers have multiple observations; the number of required observations is differentiated based on the prior year's performance as well as license type.
System Structure	State provides presumptive evaluation model for districts; approval required to use alternate district-designed system.
Surveys (Parent, Student, Peer)	Student perception surveys are explicitly allowed.
Evaluator Requirements	Training; certification

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE TEACHER EVALUATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- As a result of Tennessee's strong evaluation policies, no recommendations are provided.

For more information about TENNESSEE's teacher evaluation policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

## SUMMARY OF TEACHER EVALUATION FIGURES

- **Figure 24** Use of student learning data
- **Figure 25** Frequency of evaluations

Other teacher evaluation figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Use of surveys (p. 81)
- Rating categories (p. 81)
- State role in evaluations (p. 82)
- Evaluator requirements (p. 83)
- Annual evaluations (p. 85)
- Classroom observation requirements (p. 87)
- Observation frequency (p. 87)
- Timing of observations for new teachers (p. 88)

## Examples of Best Practice

**Tennessee** requires that objective measures of student growth be the preponderant criterion of all evaluations. All teachers in the state must be evaluated annually, and multiple observations are required, with a postobservation conference scheduled after each to discuss performance. The state's observation schedule ensures that new teachers receive feedback early in the year. Tennessee also requires the use of five performance rating categories.

**Idaho, New Jersey** and **Washington** also require annual evaluations and multiple observations for all teachers, and they ensure that new teachers are observed and receive feedback during the first half of the school year.

Figure 24

Do states consider classroom effectiveness as part of teacher evaluations?

	REQUIRES THAT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/GROWTH CRITERION	Requires that student achievement/growth is a significant criterion (explicitly defined)	Requires that student achievement/growth is a "significant" criterion without explicit guidelines	Requires some objective evidence of student learning	Student achievement data not required
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West Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. The state has an ESEA waiver requiring an evaluation system that includes student achievement as a significant factor. However, no specific guidelines or policies have been articulated.

2. In 2014-15, student achievement was 10% of the total evaluation rating; for 2015-16, it is 20%. This appears connected to test transition rather than permanent lowering of student growth percentage.

3. Explicitly defined for 2014-15 school year.

Figure 25

Do states require districts to evaluate all teachers each year?

	ANNUAL EVALUATION OF ALL VETERAN TEACHERS	ANNUAL EVALUATION OF ALL PROBATIONARY TEACHERS
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Wisconsin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' tenure policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Tenure

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Tenure

Tenure decisions are based on evidence of teacher effectiveness.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Tenure

Yes	Evidence of effectiveness is the preponderant criterion in tenure decisions.
Yes	Tenure is not automatically awarded.
Yes	Probationary period is at least four years.

## TENNESSEE Tenure Characteristics

Consideration of Teacher Effectiveness	Must earn an overall performance effectiveness rating of above expectations or significantly above expectations during the last 2 years of the probationary period.
Length of Probationary Period	5 years

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE TENURE POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Ensure that sufficient evidence is considered in tenure decisions.**

To ensure that tenure decisions are based on sufficient evidence of teacher effectiveness in the classroom, Tennessee should consider basing decisions on cumulative evidence of performance, rather than just two years' ratings.

### Examples of Best Practice

**Colorado, Connecticut** and **New York** appropriately base tenure decisions on evidence of teacher effectiveness. In Connecticut, tenure is awarded after four years and must be earned on the basis of effective practice as demonstrated in evaluation ratings. Colorado requires ratings of either effective or highly effective for three consecutive years to earn tenure status, which can then be lost with two consecutive years of less-than-effective ratings. New York has extended its probationary period to four years and requires teachers to be rated effective or highly effective for three of those years. All three states require that student growth be the preponderant criterion of teacher evaluations.

### SUMMARY OF TENURE FIGURES

- **Figure 26** Tenure and teacher effectiveness
- **Figure 27** Length of probationary period

For more information about TENNESSEE's tenure policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 26

How are tenure decisions made?

	EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING IS THE PREPONDERANT CRITERION	Some evidence of teacher performance is considered	Virtually automatically	No policy / No tenure
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Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Arkansas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
California	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delaware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District of Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Hawaii	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kentucky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Florida only awards annual contracts; decisions are connected to effectiveness.
2. Kansas only awards annual contracts; decisions are not connected to effectiveness.
3. North Carolina generally awards only one-year contracts, except that teachers can be awarded a two- or four-year contract if they have "shown effectiveness as demonstrated by proficiency on the evaluation instrument." However, no student growth measures required.
4. No state-level policy.
5. Oklahoma has created a loophole by essentially waiving student learning requirements and allowing the principal of a school to petition for career-teacher status.



Figure 27

How long before a teacher earns tenure?

	No policy	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 YEARS	5 YEARS	No tenure
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California	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kentucky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rhode Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Utah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Florida only awards annual contracts.
2. Idaho limits teacher contract terms to one year.
3. Kansas has eliminated due process rights associated with tenure.
4. North Carolina teachers can be awarded a two- or four-year contract if they have "shown effectiveness as demonstrated by proficiency on the evaluation instrument." However, no student growth measures required.
5. In Ohio, teachers must hold an educator license for at least 7 years, and have taught in the district at least 3 of the last 5 years.
6. Oklahoma teachers may also earn career status with an average rating of at least effective for a four-year period and a rating of at least "effective" for the last two years.
7. In Virginia, local school boards may extend up to five years.
8. In Washington, at a district's discretion, a teacher may be granted tenure after the second year if he/she receives one of the top two evaluation ratings.

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' licensure advancement policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Licensure Advancement

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Licensure Advancement

Licensure advancement is based on evidence of teacher effectiveness.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Licensure Advancement



No

Advancement from a probationary to a professional license is based on evidence of teacher effectiveness.



Somewhat

Renewal of a professional license is based on evidence of teacher effectiveness.



No

Other advancement/renewal requirements have a direct connection to classroom effectiveness.



Yes

An advanced degree is not a requirement for license advancement.

## TENNESSEE Licensure Advancement Characteristics

Performance Requirements to Advance from a Probationary to Professional License	None
Other Requirements for Advancement	Must have recommendation of the Director of Schools, or documentation of 30 professional development points (PDPs). May earn PDP points by achieving overall scores of 3 to 5 on the evaluation; points may also be accrued through training (academy, institute, seminar, conference) and college/university coursework.
Initial Certification Period	3 years
Performance Requirements to Renew a Professional License	Must have documentation of 60 PDPs. May earn PDP points by achieving overall scores of 3 to 5 on the evaluation; points may also be accrued through training (academy, institute, seminar, conference) and college/university coursework.
Other Requirements for Renewal	None
Renewal Period	6 years

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE LICENSURE ADVANCEMENT POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

### ■ Require evidence of effectiveness as a part of teacher licensing policy.

Tennessee should require evidence of teacher effectiveness to be a factor in determining whether teachers can renew their licenses or advance to a higher-level license.

### ■ Discontinue license requirements with no direct connection to classroom effectiveness.

While targeted requirements may potentially expand teacher knowledge and improve teacher practice, Tennessee's allowance of general, nonspecific coursework requirements for license advancement and renewal do not correlate with teacher effectiveness.

## Examples of Best Practice

Both **Rhode Island** and **Louisiana** are integrating certification, certification renewal and educator evaluations. In Rhode Island, teachers who receive poor evaluations for five consecutive years are not eligible to renew their licenses. In addition, teachers who consistently receive highly effective ratings are eligible for a special license designation. Louisiana requires its teachers to meet the standard for effectiveness for three years during their initial certification or renewal period to be issued a certificate or have their certificate renewed.

## SUMMARY OF LICENSURE ADVANCEMENT FIGURES

- **Figure 28** Evidence of effectiveness for license advancement
- **Figure 29** Advanced degree requirements

Other licensure advancement figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Coursework requirements (p. 96)
- Lifetime licenses (p. 96)

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Figure 28

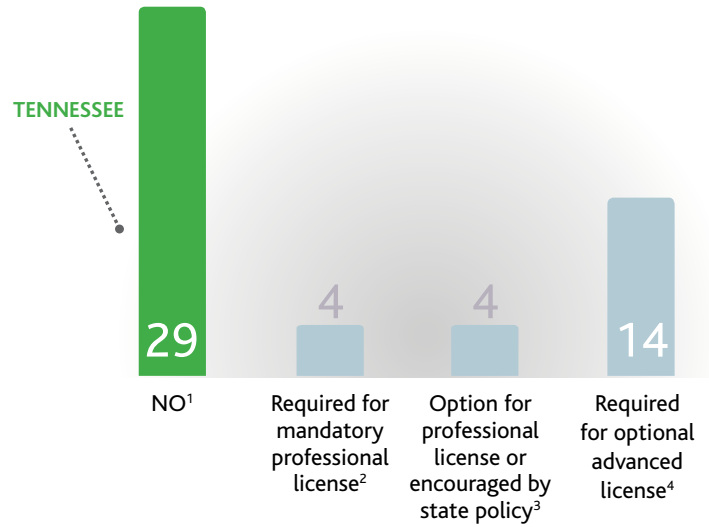
Do states require teachers to show evidence of effectiveness before conferring professional licensure?

	OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS IS REQUIRED	Some objective evidence is considered	Consideration given to teacher performance but performance is not tied to classroom effectiveness	Performance not considered
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Wisconsin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>

1. Georgia does not require evidence of effectiveness for each year of renewal period.
2. Illinois allows revocation of licenses based on ineffectiveness.
3. Uses objective evidence for advancement, not renewal.
4. An optional license requires evidence of effectiveness.
5. Teachers have the option of using evaluation ratings as a factor in license advancement or renewal.

Figure 29

*Do states require teachers to earn advanced degrees before conferring professional licenses?*



1. **Strong Practice:** Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

2. Connecticut, Kentucky, Maryland, New York

3. Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon

4. Alabama, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' equitable distribution of teachers policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Equitable Distribution of Teachers

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Equitable Distribution

Districts' distribution of teacher talent among schools is publicly reported to identify inequities in schools serving disadvantaged students.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013

## TENNESSEE Snapshot Equitable Distribution of Teachers

	No	School districts must publicly report aggregate school-level data about teacher performance.
	No	A school-level teacher-quality index is used to demonstrate the academic backgrounds of a school's teachers and the ratio of new to veteran teachers.
	No	School-level data on teacher absenteeism or turnover rates are reported.
	Yes	School-level data on percentage of highly qualified teachers are reported.
	No	School-level data on percentage of teachers with emergency credentials are reported.

## TENNESSEE Equitable Distribution of Teachers Characteristics

Public Reporting of Teacher Effectiveness Data	Not reported
Other Public Reporting Related to Teacher Distribution	Reports percentage of highly qualified teachers for each school.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF TEACHERS POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

### ■ Report school-level teacher effectiveness data.

Tennessee should make aggregate school-level data about teacher performance—from an evaluation system based on instructional effectiveness—publicly available.

### ■ Publish other data that facilitate comparisons across schools.

Tennessee should collect and report other school-level data that reflect the stability of a school's faculty, including the rates of teacher absenteeism and turnover.

### ■ Provide comparative data based on school demographics.

Tennessee should provide comparative data for schools with similar poverty and minority populations, as this would yield a more comprehensive picture of gaps in the equitable distribution of teachers.

### ■ Ensure that ideas outlined in the Equity Plan evolve into state policy.

Tennessee's 2015 Equity Plan outlines the state's intention to further report on the equitable distribution of its teachers throughout the state. However, because adherence is voluntary, Tennessee is strongly encouraged to follow through with its public reporting plan.

## Examples of Best Practice

Although not awarding "best practice" honors for this topic, NCTQ commends the 13 states that give the public access to teacher performance data aggregated to the school level. This transparency can help shine a light on how equitably teachers are distributed across and within school districts and help to ensure that all students have access to effective teachers.

## SUMMARY OF EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF TEACHERS FIGURES

### ■ Figure 30 Reporting of teacher effectiveness data

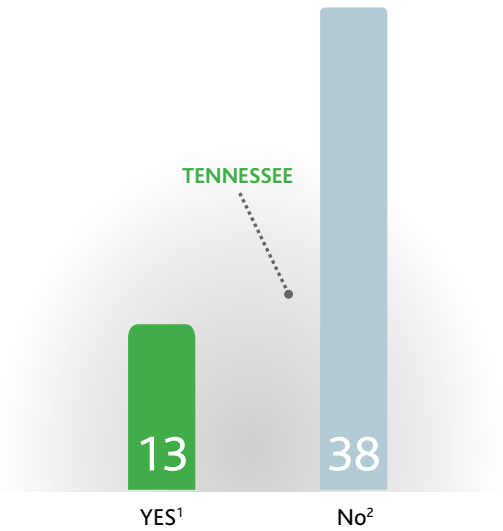
Other equitable distribution of teachers figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

### ■ Data reporting requirements (p. 99)

For more information about TENNESSEE's equitable distribution of teachers policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 30

*Do states require public reporting of school-level data about teacher effectiveness?*



1. **Strong Practice:** Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania

2. Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island<sup>3</sup>, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah<sup>3</sup>, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

3. Reports data about teacher effectiveness at the district level.

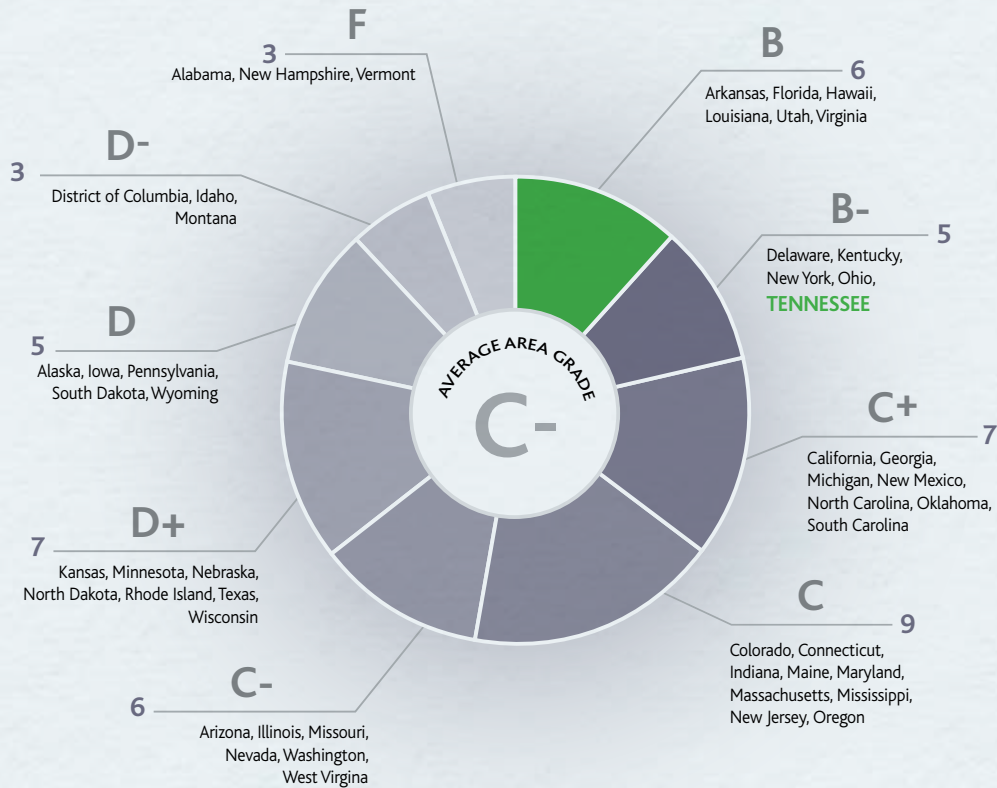


# Area 4 Summary



## How States are Faring in Retaining Effective Teachers

State Area Grades



### Topics Included In This Area

- New Teacher Induction
- Professional Development
- Compensation

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' new teacher induction policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# New Teacher Induction

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Induction

Effective induction is available for all new teachers, with special emphasis on teachers in high-need schools.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013

## TENNESSEE Snapshot New Teacher Induction

	Yes	All new teachers receive mentoring.
	Yes	Mentoring is of sufficient frequency and duration.
	No	Mentors are carefully selected.
	No	Induction programs are evaluated.
	Somewhat	Induction programs include a variety of effective strategies.

## TENNESSEE New Teacher Induction Characteristics

Induction Program	All teachers receive mentoring.
Requirements for Mentor/ New Teacher Contact	New teachers must be provided with "regular and frequent contact with teacher mentors throughout the school year."
Selection Criteria for Mentors	Not specified
Other Mentor Requirements	Not specified
Required Induction Strategies Other than Mentoring	Classroom observations and in-service seminars

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE NEW TEACHER INDUCTION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

### ■ Ensure high-quality mentoring.

Tennessee statute requires “regular and frequent contact” between new teachers and their mentors throughout the year. The state could strengthen its mentoring program by specify the amount and frequency of contacts between mentors and teachers. Tennessee should also establish criteria for the selection of high-quality mentors. Of particular importance is that mentors themselves are effective teachers. Teachers without evidence of effectiveness should not be able to serve as mentors.

### ■ Set more specific parameters.

To ensure that all teachers receive high-quality mentoring, Tennessee should set a timeline in which mentors are assigned to all new teachers throughout the state, soon after the commencing of teaching, to offer support during those first critical weeks of school.

### ■ Require induction strategies that can be successfully implemented, even in poorly managed schools.

Tennessee should make certain that induction includes strategies such as intensive mentoring, seminars appropriate to grade level or subject area and a reduced teaching load and/or frequent release time to observe other teachers.

## Examples of Best Practice

**South Carolina** requires that all new teachers, prior to the start of the school year, be assigned mentors for at least one year. Districts carefully select mentors based on experience and similar certifications and grade levels, and mentors undergo additional training. Adequate release time is mandated by the state so that mentors and new teachers may observe each other in the classroom, collaborate on effective teaching techniques and develop professional growth plans. Mentor evaluations are mandatory and stipends are recommended.

**Arkansas, Illinois, Maryland** and **New Jersey** are also worthy of mention for their requirements related to mentor selection. Arkansas, Illinois and New Jersey require that all mentors must be rated in one of the top two rating categories on their most recent evaluation. Maryland also requires mentors, who are either current or retired teachers, to have obtained effective evaluation ratings.

## SUMMARY OF NEW TEACHER INDUCTION FIGURES

### ■ **Figure 31** Quality of induction policies

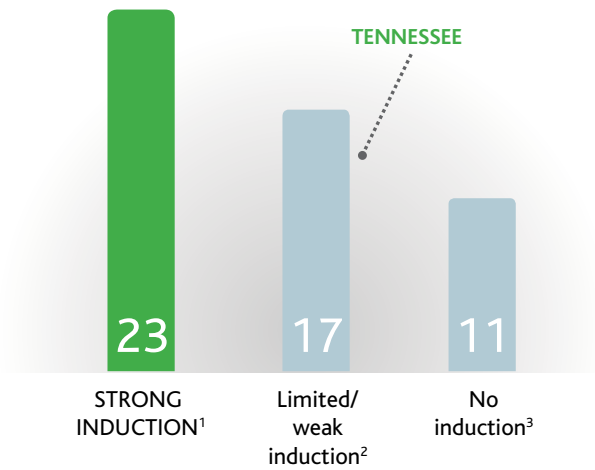
Other new teacher induction figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

### ■ Elements of induction (p. 104)

For more information about TENNESSEE's new teacher induction policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 31

*Do states have policies that articulate the elements of effective induction?*



1. **Strong Practice:** Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia

2. Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin

3. Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' professional development policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Professional Development

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Professional Development

Teachers receive feedback about their performance, and professional development is based on needs identified through teacher evaluations.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Professional Development

	Yes	Teachers must receive feedback about their performance from their evaluations.
	Yes	Professional development must be aligned with evaluation results.
	No	Teachers with unsatisfactory/ineffective ratings are placed on improvement plans.

## TENNESSEE Professional Development Characteristics

Connection Between Evaluation and Professional Development	Evaluations are used "to inform... individual and group professional development plans."
Evaluation Feedback	Provides written feedback after each observation; in-person debrief conferences to discuss strengths and weaknesses
Improvement Plan	Not required

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- Ensure that teachers receiving less than effective ratings are placed on a professional improvement plan.

Tennessee should adopt a policy requiring that teachers who receive even one unsatisfactory evaluation be placed on structured improvement plans that focus on performance areas directly connected to student learning.

### Examples of Best Practice

**Louisiana** and **Massachusetts** require that teachers receive feedback about their performance from their evaluations and direct districts to connect professional development to teachers' identified needs. Both states also require that teachers with unsatisfactory evaluations be placed on structured improvement plans. These improvement plans include specific performance goals, a description of resources and assistance provided, as well as timelines for improvement.

### SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FIGURES

- **Figure 32** Connecting teacher evaluation to continuous improvement

Other professional development figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Evaluation feedback (p. 109)
- Evaluations and professional development (p. 109)

For more information about TENNESSEE's professional development policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 32

*Do states ensure that evaluations are used to help teachers improve?*

	ALL TEACHERS RECEIVE FEEDBACK	EVALUATION INFORMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL TEACHERS	IMPROVEMENT PLANS REQUIRED FOR TEACHERS WITH POOR RATINGS
Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
California	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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District of Columbia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Georgia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illinois	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Louisiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup>
Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Missouri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Montana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Texas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Wyoming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>

1. Does not require improvement plans for all less-than-effective teachers; just those in the lowest rating category.

2. South Dakota requires improvement plans only for teachers rated unsatisfactory who have been teaching for four years or more.

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' compensation policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Compensation

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Pay Scales and Performance Pay

While local districts are given the authority over pay scales, performance pay is supported, but in a manner that recognizes its appropriate uses and limitations.



### Differential Pay






Differential pay for effective teaching in shortage and high-need areas is supported.





### Compensation for Prior Work Experience

Districts are encouraged to provide compensation for related prior subject-area work experience.









 Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

 Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013  
  Bar Raised for this Goal



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Compensation

	Somewhat	Districts have flexibility to determine pay structure and scales.
	Yes	Effective teachers can receive performance pay.
	No	Districts are discouraged from tying compensation to advanced degrees.
	Yes	Teachers can earn additional compensation by teaching shortage subjects.
	Yes	Teachers can earn additional compensation by teaching in high-need schools.
	No	Districts are encouraged to provide compensation for related prior subject-area work experience.



## TENNESSEE Compensation Characteristics

Authority for Salary Schedule	State provides a minimum salary schedule
Performance Pay Initiatives	Districts must differentiate teacher compensation based on at least one of the following criterion: additional roles or responsibilities, hard-to-staff schools or subject areas, and performance based on teacher evaluations. If a district chooses to include a performance component, it must be “based on effectiveness as recognized by...teacher...evaluation criteria” and “be criterion-based so that everyone meeting a previously agreed-upon standard earns the additional compensation.”
Role of Experience and Advanced Degrees in Salary Schedule	Minimum salary schedule is based on years of experience and type of degree.
Differential Pay for Shortage Subjects	Each district must implement a differentiated pay plan, which may include pay based on hard-to-staff subjects or schools, criteria for which is determined at the local level.
Differential Pay for High-Need Schools	Each district must implement a differentiated pay plan, which may include pay based on hard-to-staff subjects or schools, criteria for which is determined at the local level.
Pay for Prior Work Experience	None

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMPENSATION POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- **Discourage districts from tying compensation to advanced degrees and/or experience.**

While still leaving districts the flexibility to establish their own pay scales, Tennessee should articulate policies that definitively discourage districts from tying compensation to advanced degrees as well as determining the highest steps on the pay scale solely by seniority.

- **Encourage local districts to compensate new teachers with relevant prior work experience.**

Tennessee should expand its policy and encourage districts to incorporate mechanisms such as starting these teachers at a higher salary than other new teachers. Such policies would be attractive to career changers with related work experience, such as in the STEM subjects.

For more information about TENNESSEE's compensation policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

## Examples of Best Practice

**Florida** allows local districts to develop their own salary schedules while preventing districts from prioritizing elements not associated with teacher effectiveness. Local salary schedules must ensure that the most effective teachers receive salary increases greater than the highest salary adjustment available. Florida also supports differential pay by providing salary supplements for teachers in both high-need schools and shortage subject areas.

In addition, **Indiana** and **Utah** both articulate compensation policies that reward effective teachers by requiring performance to be the most important factor in deciding a teacher's salary. **Louisiana** supports differential pay by offering up to \$3,000 per year, for four years, to teach math, biology, chemistry, physics and special education, and up to an additional \$6,000 per year, up to four years, to teach in low-performing schools. **North Carolina** compensates new teachers with relevant prior-work experience by awarding them one year of experience credit for every year of full-time work after earning a bachelor's degree that is related to their area of licensure and work assignment.

### SUMMARY OF COMPENSATION FIGURES

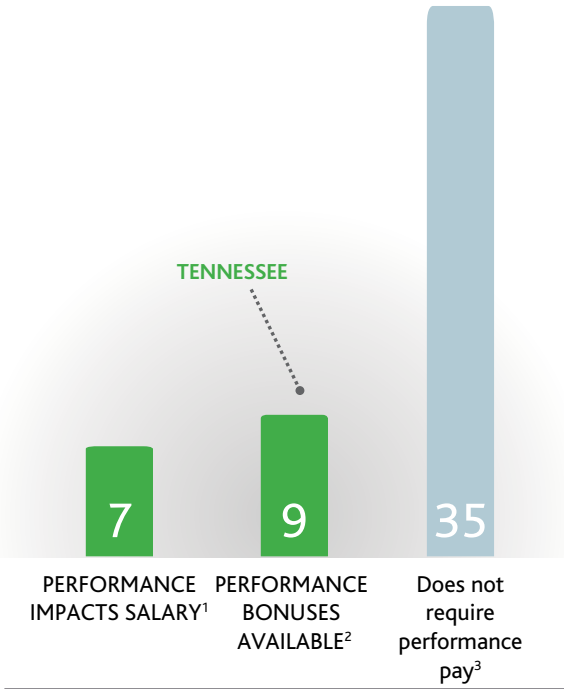
- **Figure 33** Compensation for performance
- **Figure 34** Compensation for advanced degrees
- **Figure 35** Differential pay

Other compensation figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- State role in teacher pay (p. 112)
- State support for performance pay (p. 114)
- Differential pay for shortage subjects or high-need schools (p. 119)
- Compensation for prior work experience (p. 121)

Figure 33

Do states ensure pay is structured to account for performance?



1. Strong Practice: Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, Utah
2. Strong Practice: Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee<sup>4</sup>
3. Alabama, Alaska, Arizona<sup>5</sup>, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Idaho<sup>6</sup>, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky<sup>7</sup>, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri<sup>8</sup>, Montana, Nebraska<sup>7</sup>, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon<sup>7</sup>, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia<sup>7</sup>, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
4. A performance component is not required. Districts must differentiate teacher compensation based on at least one of the following criteria: additional roles or responsibilities, hard-to-staff schools or subject areas, and performance based on teacher evaluations.
5. Arizona allocates funds for teacher compensation increases based on performance and employment related expenses; there is no clear requirement for compensation connected to evidence of effectiveness.
6. Idaho does offer a master teacher premium, but it is dependent on years of experience.
7. Performance bonuses are available, but not specifically tied to teacher effectiveness.
8. Performance bonuses are available for teachers in schools deemed "academically deficient."

Figure 34

1. Louisiana allows districts to set salary schedules based on three criteria: effectiveness, experience and demand. Advanced degrees may be included only as part of demand.
2. Only discouraged for those districts implementing Q Comp.
3. For advanced degrees earned after April 2014.
4. Rhode Island requires local district salary schedules to include teacher "training".
5. Texas has a minimum salary schedule based on years of experience. Compensation for advanced degrees is left to district discretion.

Figure 34

Do states prevent districts from basing teacher pay on advanced degrees?

	REQUIRES PERFORMANCE TO COUNT MORE THAN ADVANCED DEGREES	PROHIBITS ADDITIONAL PAY FOR ADVANCED DEGREES	Leaves pay to district discretion	Requires compensation for advanced degrees
Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arkansas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Figure 35

Do states provide incentives to teach in high-need schools or shortage subject areas?

	HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS		SHORTAGE SUBJECT AREAS		No support
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Wyoming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>

1. Iowa provides state assistance to supplement salaries of teachers in high-need schools.

2. Maryland offers tuition reimbursement for teacher retraining in specified shortage subject areas and offers a stipend for alternate route candidates teaching in shortage subject areas.

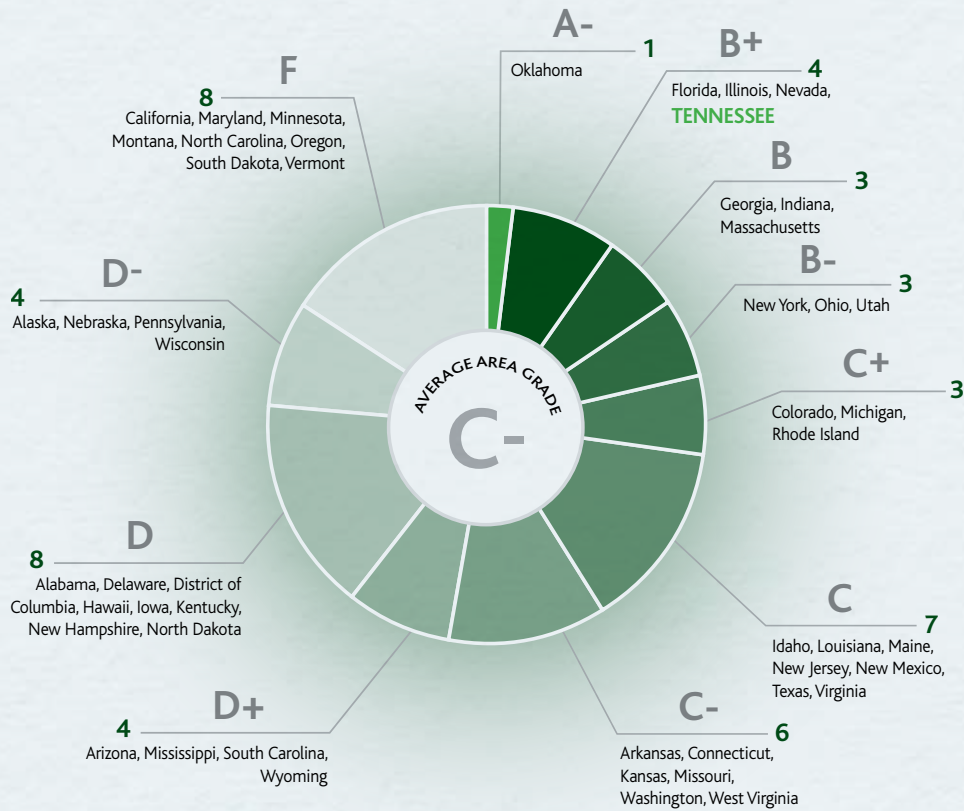
3. South Dakota offers scholarships to teachers in high-need schools.

# Area 5 Summary



## How States are Faring in Exiting Ineffective Teachers

State Area Grades



### Topics Included In This Area

- Extended Emergency Licenses
- Dismissal for Poor Performance
- Reductions in Force

For more information about **TENNESSEE** and other states' extended emergency license policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Extended Emergency Licenses

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Emergency Licenses

Teachers who have not met licensure requirements may not continue teaching.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013

## TENNESSEE Snapshot Extended Emergency Licenses



Somewhat

Teachers are not granted a license if they do not pass all required subject-matter tests.

N/A

If emergency licenses are offered, teachers are given no longer than one year to pass all subject-matter tests.

## TENNESSEE Extended Emergency License Characteristics

Emergency License	Tennessee's initial license (the Practitioner License) requires admission to or completion of a preparation program, a bachelor's degree and passage of all required content and pedagogy tests. However, candidates with a bachelor's degree in a core content area can delay passage of licensure tests for up to three years.
Minimum Requirements	No emergency license; however initial license allows up to three years to pass licensure tests
Duration	Not applicable
Renewal Requirements	Not applicable

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE EXTENDED EMERGENCY LICENSE POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- Ensure that all teachers pass required subject-matter licensing tests before they enter the classroom.

While Tennessee is commended for not allowing teachers in the classroom on an emergency license, the state's new provisional license is problematic in that teachers may potentially teach for up to three years without having passed a content test. The state should require all teachers to meet subject-matter licensure requirements prior to entering the classroom regardless of whether or not they possess a content area major.

### Examples of Best Practice

Mississippi, New Jersey and Rhode Island require all new teachers to pass all required subject-matter tests as a condition of initial licensure.

### SUMMARY OF EXTENDED EMERGENCY LICENSES FIGURES

- **Figure 36** Time to pass licensure tests

Other extended emergency licenses figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Emergency licenses (p. 127)

For more information about TENNESSEE's extended emergency licenses policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 36

How long can new teachers practice without passing licensing tests?

	NO DEFERRAL	Up to 1 year	Up to 2 years	3 years or more (or unspecified)
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1. Teachers can have up to two additional years to pass licensing tests in the event of "extraordinary extenuating circumstances."

2. Out-of-state teachers can teach on a non-renewable license until all requirements are met.

3. Tennessee does not offer emergency licenses but candidates for initial practitioner license have three years to pass licensure tests.

4. Permits can be extended without passing licensing tests if districts receive hardship approval.



For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' dismissal policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

# Dismissal for Poor Performance

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Dismissal

Ineffective classroom performance is grounds for dismissal and the process for terminating ineffective teachers is expedient and fair to all parties.



Fully meets  
  Nearly meets  
  Partially meets  
  Meets only a small part  
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013  
  Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Dismissal

	Yes	Teacher ineffectiveness is grounds for dismissal.
	Somewhat	Terminated teachers have one opportunity to appeal.
	Somewhat	Appeals process occurs within a reasonable timeframe.
	Somewhat	The due process rights of teachers dismissed for ineffective performance are different from those facing license revocation.

## TENNESSEE Dismissal Characteristics

Dismissal for Ineffectiveness	Inefficiency is grounds for dismissal, which is defined as "having evaluations demonstrating an overall performance effectiveness level that is 'below expectations' or 'significantly below expectations'." Tenured teachers must return to probationary status if they receive two consecutive years of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" performance ratings.
Due Process Rights of Teachers	Although the issues of due process and dismissal are somewhat addressed by reverting ineffective teachers to nonprobationary status, there is no distinction between the due process rights of teachers dismissed for ineffective performance from those facing other charges commonly associated with license revocation, such as a felony and/or morality violations.
Length of Appeals Process	Because teachers revert to probationary status following ineffective evaluation ratings, multiple appeals are allowed only for teachers dismissed for reasons other than ineffectiveness.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE DISMISSAL POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- Ensure that teachers terminated for poor performance have the opportunity to appeal within a reasonable time frame, and that due process rights are distinguished between dismissal for classroom ineffectiveness and dismissal for morality violations.

Tennessee should differentiate between loss of employment and issues with far-reaching consequences that could permanently affect a teacher's right to practice, and ensure that the opportunity to appeal occurs only once and only at the district level.

### Examples of Best Practice

**New York** now allows charges of incompetence against any teacher who receives two consecutive ineffective ratings; charges must be brought against any teacher who receives three consecutive ineffective ratings. Due process rights for teachers dismissed for ineffective performance are distinguishable from those facing other charges, and an expedited hearing is required. For teachers who have received three consecutive ineffective ratings, that timeline must not be longer than 30 days.

### SUMMARY OF DISMISSAL FIGURES

- **Figure 37** Dismissal due to ineffectiveness

Other dismissal figures available in the *Yearbook National Summary* at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Dismissal appeals (p. 130)

For more information about TENNESSEE's dismissal policies, including detailed recommendations, full narrative analysis and state response, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

Figure 37

*Do states articulate that ineffectiveness is grounds for dismissal?*

	YES, THROUGH DISMISSAL AND/OR EVALUATION POLICY	No
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1. Kansas has repealed the law that gave tenured teachers who faced dismissal the right to an independent review of their cases.

2. In Nevada, a teacher reverts to probationary status after two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluations, but the state does not articulate that ineffectiveness is grounds for dismissal.

# Reductions in Force

For more information about TENNESSEE and other states' reductions in force policies, including full narrative analyses, recommendations and state responses, see <http://nctq.org/StatePolicyDashboard>

## TENNESSEE Ratings

### Reductions in Force

Districts must consider classroom performance as a factor in determining which teachers are laid off when a reduction in force is necessary.



Fully meets
  Nearly meets
  Partially meets
  Meets only a small part
  Does not meet

Progress increased since 2013

Lost ground since 2013



## TENNESSEE Snapshot Reductions in Force



Yes

Districts must consider classroom performance when determining which teachers are laid off during reductions in force.



Yes

Seniority cannot be the only/primary factor used to determine which teachers are laid off.

## TENNESSEE Reductions in Force Characteristics

Use of Teacher Performance	Must consider level of effectiveness as determined by evaluation system
Use of Seniority	May be considered; not sole factor
Other Factors	Tenure status; not sole factor

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE REDUCTIONS IN FORCE POLICIES IN TENNESSEE

- As a result of Tennessee's strong reductions in force policies, no recommendations are provided.

### Examples of Best Practice

**Colorado** and **Florida** specify that in determining which teachers to lay off during a reduction in force, classroom performance is the top criterion. These states also articulate that seniority can only be considered after a teacher's performance is taken into account.

### SUMMARY OF REDUCTIONS IN FORCE FIGURES

- **Figure 38** Layoff criteria

Other reductions in force figures available in the Yearbook National Summary at <http://www.nctq.org/2015NationalYearbook>

- Performance in layoffs (p. 132)
- Emphasis on seniority in layoffs (p. 133)

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Figure 38

Do states prevent districts from basing layoffs solely on "last in, first out"?

PERFORMANCE MUST BE CONSIDERED  
 SENIORITY CANNOT BE THE ONLY FACTOR

	PERFORMANCE MUST BE CONSIDERED	SENIORITY CANNOT BE THE ONLY FACTOR
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Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Wisconsin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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