2024 Flexibilities to Support District Planning & Implementation of Summer Programming

This document provides additional guidance for districts in planning for summer programming within the parameters of retake testing and post-testing for rising 4th grade students. Districts have the flexibility to select summer programming dates that best meet the needs of their students and staff, given the district meets minimum requirements.

Key Dates

- **May 13:** Pre-test for summer programming opens
- **May 22 – May 31:** 3rd Grade ELA TCAP retake window (48-hour score return)
- **June 10:** Post-test for summer programming opens
- **July 12:** Final retention notification deadline for families who participated in summer programming. This date applies for schools starting July 22. If schools start later, notifications to families must be provided at least 10 days before the first day of school.
- **July 26:** Post-test for summer programming closes (all tests must be complete by 5 p.m.)

While scheduling summer programming, flexibilities are available for districts in the following key areas:

- **Third Grade ELA TCAP Retake Window:** This window runs from May 22 to May 31. Districts may elect to shorten this window or select dates within this window to offer the 3rd grade ELA TCAP retake. Districts may choose to offer the retake during the last week of school or during the beginning of summer programming depending on their schedules. If a district chooses to offer the retake assessment during summer programming, students must make up that instructional time during summer programming.
- **Summer Programming Post-test:** Districts may choose to begin administering the post-test as early as June 10 and will indicate their selected post-test dates in their ePlan application.
- **Summer Programming Waivers:** The *Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act* allows the commissioner of education limited authority to waive the requirements for hours, weeks, or number of days for summer programming. Districts may apply for a waiver in their ePlan application. If a district requests a waiver for the number of days per week, they have the option to administer summer camps in consecutive days provided they meet the required total number of days allowed with the waiver. Note that with all waivers, adequate growth and 90% attendance requirements remain for rising 4th graders.
- **Attendance Requirements:** T.C.A. § 49-6-3115 requires a student who is participating in summer programming as a promotion pathway to maintain a 90% attendance rate at camp as a condition of being promoted to the next grade. LEAs and public charter schools must develop and implement local summer camp attendance policies that provide opportunities for students to make up camp days missed prior to the beginning of the next school year. Local policies must include: 1) the documentation that must be provided for a student to be eligible to make up days, 2) the number of days a student may make up, 3) the procedure and timeline for making up days, 4) the procedure for communicating the attendance policy to families, 5) the local documentation procedure.