



Turner County Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Turner County Elementary school has adopted a two-part DRC/Beacon Testing System. DRC BEACON is an online interim assessment that illuminates student learning needs and measures student progress throughout the year. Students will take the DRC Beacon test three times during the year, this is the Fall test administration.

DRC Beacon testing allows grade 3–8 educators to target instruction and make informed decisions. Next week grades 3-5 at TCES will be taking the Math and ELA portions of the Beacon test. The online adaptive format allows students, parents, and teachers to have a more accurate picture of achievement as the item difficulty adjusts to student ability levels and pinpoints a realistic indication and diagnosis of “where students are.” In addition, fewer test items are needed to achieve results, and reports supply specific data identifying the support a student needs. All of this translates to more time for instruction and learning. Students will be tested on Math, Reading, and Writing standards.

DRC has provided training tools for teachers, parents, and students. The [Online Training Tools](#) provide students with sample questions and practice using the interactive tools used during the test. These online training tools can be found on the following website <https://wbte.drccedirect.com/BCON/portals/bcon>. DRC also provides a [Student Training Video](#) to help students familiarize themselves with the testing format. This training video can be found at the following website <https://assets.drccedirect.com/States/BCON/Tutorials/Student/20181102/index.html>.

Please feel free to use the online training resources to help your child prepare for testing.

Parents please make sure your students are here to take their DRC Beacon Test on the assigned days and please get them to school on time. Electronic devices are not permitted during testing and we are asking that students get plenty of rest the night before their DRC Beacon Test. Since we are testing on chromebooks, if your student prefers using a mouse instead of touchpad, please send them with one. The touchpads on the chromebooks are fully functional and capable of completing the test successfully but your student may prefer a mouse. We have some ordered but we may not have enough for all students who wish to use one on test day. If you have any other questions or concerns please contact TCES at your earliest convenience and ask for Mrs. Buchanan or Ms. Warthen. The dates, times, and length of each test can be found on the back.

Sincerely,

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Math = Estimated Time 60 minutes

ELA = Estimated Time 90 minutes

3rd grade students

Tuesday, September 27, 2022	Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Math 9:30-10:30 <i>(additional 15 minutes if needed)</i>	ELA 9:30-11:00 <i>(additional 15 minutes if needed)</i>

4th grade students

Tuesday, September 27, 2022	Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Math 9:30-10:30 <i>(additional 15 minutes if needed)</i>	ELA 9:30-11:00 <i>(additional 15 minutes if needed)</i>

5th grade students

Tuesday, September 27, 2022	Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Math 9:30-10:30 <i>(additional 15 minutes if needed)</i>	ELA 9:30-11:00 <i>(additional 15 minutes if needed)</i>

***Teachers will test in classrooms on chrome books, small groups will test in assigned rooms.**