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CLARKSVILLE-AREA TEAMS



Kenwood's Marie Jones competes in discus throw at the TSSAA Spring Fling track and field championships at Tom Black Track on May 21 in Knoxville. ANGELINA ALCANTAR/NEWS SENTINEL

Sports teams represent at TN spring tournaments

The 2026 TSSAA spring state tournaments were held over the course of two weeks at various locations in Tennessee. • Knoxville hosted the state track and field championships May 19-21 while Chattanooga held the TSSAA tennis state championships May 12-15. • Murfreesboro held the TSSAA baseball, softball and boys soccer state tournaments, which began May 19 and were scheduled to wrap up over Memorial Day weekend. • The state lacrosse and flag football championships were held May 14-16.

TENNESSEE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Third grade TCAP reading scores are out

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The May 18 release of reading scores for Tennessee third graders set off a fast-moving timeline to determine if tens of thousands of public school students will be held back or not.

Tennessee's third grade reading and retention law requires students to earn a passing score on the English language arts section of the annual standardized state test to move on to fourth grade. The Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program, or TCAP, tests wrapped up in early May statewide.

The Tennessee Department of Education released raw third grade English language arts results to districts on May 18, according to a department

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Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris greets students on their first day of the school year on Aug. 4, 2025, at Belle Forest Elementary School in Memphis.

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Judges hear case against new maps

NAACP's fight against redistricting gets started

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A three-judge panel appeared sympathetic to the NAACP of Tennessee's argument that new congressional maps harmed candidates and voters, but skeptical of concerns that redistricting will cause havoc for county election officials.

In a May 21 hearing, the NAACP asked the judges to halt the maps from going into effect before August primaries and November midterms. The new maps, passed by the General Assembly on May 7, eliminated Tennessee's only Black-majority congressional district.

"If anything, people not knowing where to vote or not knowing what district they're in makes things harder," attorney Anthony Ashton, representing the NAACP, said in the hearing. "It creates chaos, it creates confusion."

The NAACP's case takes aim at state law and constitutional provisions, saying legislators' hurried actions to pass new maps disenfranchised candidates and voters. The NAACP alleged there are discrepancies between Gov. Bill Lee's proclamation calling for the special session and the lawmakers' final actions.

But Taylor Meehan, attorney for the state, said the NAACP's argument is based on a "misreading" of Lee's proclamation.

The NAACP's lawsuit is one of four total legal challenges against the new congressional maps. This case specifically takes aim at legislation that suspended a notice requirement for voters and that repealed a 1972 law banning redistricting except after each census. "According to what they've done, it's not just this redistricting ... you could redistrict every two years if you

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Chancellor Anne C. Martin speaks on May 21 during a hearing in the NAACP's suit. A three-judge panel is hearing the case in the Tennessee Supreme Court building.

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