TVAAS: What’s New in 2019

Grades and Subjects without 2018-19 Reporting

Due to changes in state assessments during the 2018-19 school year, this year’s TVAAS reporting for districts, schools, and teachers does not include growth measures for grades 3-8 Science, grade 5 Social Studies, EOC Biology, EOC Chemistry, and English III.

Multi-Year Teacher Evaluation Composite Weighting

For the 2018–19 reporting year, there are up to three evaluation composites available for each teacher. They include a multi-year composite, a single-year composite, and a multi-year composite without 2017-18 data. The multi-year composites weight each single-year composite included in the overall measure equally.

New Projections for Grades 3–8

In addition to projections to the next tested grade, TVAAS now provides projections to two grades above the last tested grade for TCAP English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies. For example, students who last tested in grade 4 (and are currently enrolled in grade 5) have a projection to grade 5 and grade 6 for Math and English Language Arts. Some grade and subject combinations in early grades might only use two predictors in order to make these projections possible.

Changes to Projection Summaries and College Readiness Dashboard

Projection summaries now include an additional grade of reporting as explained above and show projections for students enrolled in third grade when sufficient testing data is available. Projections historically reported through the College Readiness Dashboard are now located in the projection summaries. With this change, projection summaries now use the four probability ranges that have been historically used for the College Readiness Dashboard (Greater than 70%, Between 50% and 70%, Between 25% and 50%, and Less than 25%).

Additional Years in Teacher/Student Equity Report

Last year, TVAAS added the Teacher/Student Equity report to the site. This report allows authorized users to compare students’ access to effective teaching based on selected student characteristics. An enhancement has been added this year, and users now have the ability to filter the 2017-18 or the 2018-19 data.
3-Year Average Not Calculated for Grades 4–8 ELA and Math

Although there are three years of scores for grades 4-8 ELA and Math, a 3-year average is not provided for these subjects. This is because the 2017 measures were created based on a two-year gain due to the missing year of data in 2016.