

Virginia Alternate Assessment Program: School Division Assurances for Alternate Assessment Participation, 2021-2022

To justify the need to exceed the one percent cap on participation in the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP), school divisions who anticipated exceeding the one percent cap on participation in the VAAP had to provide to the Virginia Department of Education assurances that the division followed the state's criteria and participation guidelines for the spring assessment window that opened on February 28, 2022, including that:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) Teams identified students with the most significant cognitive disabilities following state criteria and participation guidelines.
- Excessive absences; social, cultural, or economic differences; identification in a specific disability category; specific special education placement or services; anticipated scores on Standards of Learning (SOL) tests; or concerns for accreditation calculations were not considered in the determination that the student will be assessed with the VAAP.
- Students participating in the VAAP have been instructed, at minimum, to address the Virginia Essentialized Standards of Learning (VESOL).
- Student IEPs include a statement that addresses why the student cannot participate in the regular assessment; why the particular assessment selected is appropriate for the student, including how the child meets the criteria for the alternate assessment; and how the child's participation in VAAP will impact the child's promotion and/or graduation with a standard or advanced studies diploma; or other matters.
- There is written confirmation that IEP Teams informed parents of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities of the implications of participation in the alternate assessment.
- The division will seek to measure the achievement of at least 95 percent of all students, including students with disabilities, in all grades for which assessment is required.
- There is written confirmation that it has no disproportionality in the percentage of students in any subgroup taking the alternate assessment, or if disproportionality does exist it has plans to address any disproportionality.

School Divisions that Anticipate VAAP Participation Rates to Be More than One Percent for the 2021-2022 Administration

School Division	Assurance Statement
Albemarle County Schools	Yes
Alleghany County Schools	Yes
Amelia County Schools	Yes
Amherst County Schools	Yes
Appomattox County Schools	Yes
Augusta County Schools	Yes
Bath County Schools	Yes
Bedford County Schools	Yes
Botetourt County Schools	Yes
Bristol City Schools	Yes
Brunswick County Schools	Yes
Buchanan County Schools	Yes
Buckingham County Schools	Yes
Buena Vista City Schools	Yes
Campbell County Schools	Yes
Caroline County Schools	Yes
Charles City County Schools	Yes
Charlottesville City Schools	Yes
Chesapeake City Schools	Yes

School Division	Assurance Statement
Chesterfield County Schools	Yes
Colonial Heights City Schools	Yes
Covington City Schools	Yes
Culpeper County Schools	Yes
Cumberland County Schools	Yes
Danville City Schools	Yes
Dickenson County Schools	Yes
Dinwiddie County Schools	Yes
Essex County Schools	Yes
Fauquier County Schools	Yes
Floyd County Schools	Yes
Fluvanna County Schools	<p>IEP Teams identified students with the most significant cognitive disabilities following state criteria and participation guidelines. The majority of our students involved with VAAP are served under the categories of Autism, Multiple Disabilities, and Intellectual Disabilities. This is an area that we discuss in our monthly meetings. We have provided information to staff and parents in our Critical Decision Making Trainings. We have also had the high school staff come to talk to staff at lower grade levels (elementary and middle school) regarding the multiple pathways to graduation for students and the importance of making appropriate decisions. We have increased the number of students with significant disabilities participating in SOLs. We are addressing this system wide.</p>

School Division	Assurance Statement
Franklin City Schools	Yes
Franklin County Schools	Yes
Frederick County Schools	Yes
Fredericksburg City Schools	Yes
Grayson County Schools	Yes
Greene County Schools	Yes
Greensville County Schools	Yes
Halifax County Schools	Yes
Hampton City Schools	Yes
Henrico County Schools	Yes
Henry County Schools	Yes
Highland County Schools	Yes
Hopewell City Schools	Yes
Isle of Wight County Schools	Yes
King and Queen County Schools	Yes
King George County Schools	Yes
King William County Schools	Yes
Lancaster County Schools	Yes
Lee County Schools	Yes
Louisa County Schools	Yes
Lunenburg County Schools	Yes
Lynchburg City Schools	Yes

School Division	Assurance Statement
Manassas Park City Schools	Yes
Martinsville City Schools	Yes
Mathews County Schools	Yes
Mecklenburg County Schools	Yes
Newport News City Schools	Yes
Norfolk City Schools	Yes
Northampton County Schools	Yes
Northumberland County Schools	Yes
Norton City Schools	Yes
Nottoway County Schools	Yes
Orange County Schools	Yes
Patrick County Schools	Yes
Petersburg City Schools	Yes
Pittsylvania County Schools	Yes
Poquoson City Schools	Yes
Portsmouth City Schools	Yes
Prince Edward County Schools	Yes
Pulaski County Schools	Yes
Prince William County Schools	Yes
Rappahannock County Schools	Yes
Richmond City Schools	Yes
Roanoke City Schools	Yes

School Division	Assurance Statement
Rockbridge County Schools	Yes
Russell County Schools	Yes
Salem City Schools	Yes
Scott County Schools	Yes
Shenandoah County Schools	Yes
Smyth County Schools	Yes
Southampton County Schools	Yes
Spotsylvania County Schools	Yes
Stafford County Schools	Yes
Surry County Schools	Yes
Sussex County Schools	Yes
Tazewell County Schools	Yes
Virginia Beach City Schools	Yes
Warren County Schools	Yes
Washington County Schools	Yes
Westmoreland County Schools	Yes
Williamsburg-James City County Schools	Yes
Winchester City Schools	Yes
Wise County Schools	Yes
Wythe County Schools	Yes
York County Schools	Yes