



Commonwealth of Virginia Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #244-22

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia's Visualization and Analytics Solution (VVAAS)

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the implementation of Virginia's Visualization and Analytics Solution (VVAAS) for K-12 divisions. This web-based tool displays measures of students' academic growth over time (Value-Added), diagnostic reports for student groups, and student projections to help educators improve classroom instruction. Reports provided by VVAAS can help educators make decisions regarding curriculum changes, as well as identify and support long-term student goals, and help reveal trends of student groups in need of additional support.

- Value-Added reports provide reliable measures of the academic growth a division or school's students made in a tested grade and subject or course.
- **Diagnostic reports** provide the ability to select data and view results for different groups of students.
- **Student projection reports** provide a reliable indicator of a student's likelihood of reaching future assessment milestones.

The VDOE will showcase the power of VVAAS and its reports through a strategic implementation process and professional development opportunities over the next several months. Bridging the Gap pilot divisions will receive access and professional development

prior to the statewide release. Following the release multiple opportunities for training will be provided to Virginia's educators so they can understand and use the reports provided through the VVAAS portal. The scaffolded plan for professional development allows for VDOE staff, Bridging the Gap division liaisons, division staff, school staff (administrators, instructional coaches, counselors, SPED leads) and classroom teachers to receive the training necessary to create positive outcomes for students.

For more information

More information about these opportunities and the timelines for accessing the reporting will be coming soon. The VVAAS tool will be available later this school year. In the meantime, if you have questions or are interested in learning more about VVAAS, contact Morri Pace at Morri.Pace@doe.virginia.gov.

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