

## **Virginia Alternate Assessment Program: School Division Assurances for Alternate Assessment Participation, 2022-2023**

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 27, 2023, including that:

- 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 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; and
- 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 2022-2023 Administration**

SCHOOL DIVISION	PROVIDED ASSURANCES
Alleghany Highlands Public Schools	YES
Amelia County Public Schools	YES
Amherst County Public Schools	YES
Appomattox County Public Schools	YES
Augusta County Public Schools	YES
Bath County Public Schools	YES
Bedford County Public Schools	YES
Bland County Public Schools	YES
Botetourt County Public Schools	YES
Bristol Virginia Public Schools	YES
Brunswick County Public Schools	YES
Buchanan County Public Schools	YES
Buckingham County Public Schools	YES
Buena Vista City Public Schools	YES
Campbell County Public Schools	YES
Caroline County Public Schools	YES
Carroll County Public Schools	YES
Charles City County Public Schools	YES
Charlotte County Public Schools	YES
Charlottesville City Public Schools	YES
Chesapeake Public Schools	YES
Chesterfield County Public Schools	YES
Clarke County Public Schools	YES
Colonial Heights City Public Schools	YES
Culpeper County Public Schools	YES
Cumberland Public Schools	YES

SCHOOL DIVISION	PROVIDED ASSURANCES
Danville City Public Schools	YES
Dickenson County Public Schools	YES
Dinwiddie County Public Schools	YES
Essex County Public Schools	YES
Fauquier County Public Schools	YES
Floyd County Public Schools	YES
Fluvanna County Public Schools	YES
Franklin City Public Schools	YES
Franklin County Public Schools	YES
Frederick County Public Schools	YES
Fredericksburg City Public Schools	YES
Greensville County Public Schools	YES
Halifax County Public Schools	YES
Hampton City Public Schools	YES
Hanover County Public Schools	YES
Henrico County Public Schools	YES
Henry County Public Schools	YES
Hopewell City Public Schools	YES
Isle of Wight Public Schools	YES
King and Queen County Public Schools	YES
King George County Schools	YES
King William County Public Schools	YES
Lancaster County Public Schools	YES
Lee County Public Schools	YES
Lexington City Public Schools	YES
Louisa County Public Schools	YES
Lunenburg County Public Schools	YES
Lynchburg City Public Schools	YES
Madison County Public Schools	YES

SCHOOL DIVISION	PROVIDED ASSURANCES
Manassas Park City Public Schools	YES
Martinsville City Public Schools	YES
Mathews County Public Schools	YES
Mecklenburg County Public Schools	YES
Middlesex County Public Schools	YES
Nelson County Public Schools	YES
Newport News Public Schools	YES
Norfolk City Public Schools	YES
Northampton County Public Schools	YES
Norton City Public Schools	YES
Nottoway County Public Schools	YES
Orange County Public Schools	YES
Patrick County Public Schools	YES
Petersburg City Public Schools	YES
Pittsylvania County Public Schools	YES
Poquoson City Public Schools	YES
Portsmouth City Public Schools	YES
Prince Edward County Public Schools	YES
Prince William County Public Schools	YES
Pulaski County Public Schools	YES
Rappahannock County Public Schools	YES
Richmond Public Schools	YES
Roanoke City Public Schools	YES
Rockbridge County Public Schools	YES
Rockingham County Public Schools	YES
Russell County Public Schools	YES
Salem City Public Schools	YES
Scott County Public Schools	YES
Shenandoah County Public Schools	YES

SCHOOL DIVISION	PROVIDED ASSURANCES
Smyth County Public Schools	YES
Southampton County Public Schools	YES
Spotsylvania County Public Schools	YES
Stafford County Public Schools	YES
Staunton City Public Schools	YES
Suffolk Public Schools	YES
Surry County Public Schools	YES
Tazewell County Public Schools	YES
Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind	YES
Washington County Public Schools	YES
Westmoreland County Public Schools	YES
Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools	YES
Winchester Public Schools	YES
Wise County Public Schools	YES
Wythe County Public Schools	YES
York County School Division	YES

School divisions' justification statements to exceed one percent participation in the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) are available upon request by email at [spedinstruction@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:spedinstruction@doe.virginia.gov).