

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: February 3, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: VVAAS (Virginia Visualization and Analytic Solution) Update for

Technical Leads, Instructional Leads, and Parent Report Information

As introduced this past fall, VVAAS is a state-wide data analytics and reporting tool that will support Virginia PK-12 school divisions (See Superintendent's Memo 244-22). The VVAAS web-based tool is expected to be available for school divisions that have established accounts beginning March 2nd. The following is important information that needs to be shared with the person you assign to coordinate VVAAS for your division, as well as a technical lead to establish user accounts.

For Technical Leads:

Each school division should establish a VVAAS Technical Lead. These **leads should enroll in the VVAAS course** for support documents, VVAAS communications, and training opportunities. The VDOE requests each division to upload a data file to SSWS for user account creation during one of the collection windows. **An upload during window one** (2/1/23 - 2/13/23) will ensure account creation for go live in VVAAS on March 2nd. Accounts uploaded during the second window (2/16/23 - 3/9/23) will allow divisions access to VVAAS in late March. Division technology directors received an email 1/31/23 with all the necessary details.

For Instructional Leads:

As referenced in this <u>Superintendent's Email</u> (December 2022), each school division should establish one or more VVAAS Instructional Leads. These **leads should enroll in the <u>VVAAS</u>** <u>course</u> and <u>register for an in-person session</u>. Leads should share the in-person, webinar, and hosted event opportunities posted in the VVAAS course with necessary division staff. VVAAS Leads can be data leaders, ITRTs, instructional leadership, VTSS coordinators, or central office administrators.

Registration for in-person training is open (<u>registration link</u>). The target audience for inperson training are VVAAS Instructional leads, administrators (division/school), instructional leaders, data leads, and student support (counseling/VTSS/family engagement). Divisions may send up to 12 educators as space allows. Statewide in-person tour dates and locations can be previewed on the VVAAS website.

VVAAS Parent Report:

In addition to diagnostic reporting, VVAAS will also provide a parent report containing a student's state SOL assessment history. The report will identify a state percentile level indicating how the student scored compared to all others taking the same assessment and the performance level for every SOL that has been completed prior to August 2022. Parents can view this information in a line graph and a data table. The VDOE believes this will serve as valuable information for parents, along with the many tools you use to communicate about student progress.

Webinar opportunities for instructional and technical leads are intended to support the understanding of the parent reports and various methods of dissemination by the division.

Dates to Remember:

- February 10th: Sneak Peak webinar using the EVVAS demo site
- February 13th and 15th: Instructional Lead parent report webinar
- February 23rd June 22nd: **Instructional lead and target audience** (see above) Statewide in-person tour. Registration for in-person opportunities will **close two weeks prior to the event**. Lunch is provided
- March 9th May 3rd: Introduction to VVAAS webinar series
- March 9th 10th: **Technical Lead** parent report dissemination methods and VVAAS account management
- March 20th April 22nd: Parent report dissemination window

Again, all webinars and training links can be found in the Canvas course. It is important that those who will coordinate VVASS for your division is <u>enrolled</u>.

For questions regarding VVAAS, please contact Morri Pace, VVAAS Coordinator, at morri.pace@doe.virginia.gov.

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