



Virginia Growth Assessments: Alternative Assessment Submission Form Assessment Vendor Assurance of Alignment to the Standards of Learning

This form is to be completed by any assessment vendor wanting to provide school divisions with an alternative assessment to the Virginia Growth Assessment (VGA). [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024 permit school boards to administer alternative assessments, aligned to the Standards of Learning (SOL), to the Virginia Growth Assessment during the 2024-2026 school years. The alternative assessment(s) will not replace the end-of-year, federally required SOL tests in grades 3-8.

Senate Bill 345:

§ 1. Notwithstanding subsection C of § [22.1-253.13:3](#) of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Education shall permit school boards to administer, during the 2024–2026 school years, assessments as alternatives to the through-year growth assessment system established by the Board of Education pursuant to such provision of law, provided that any such alternative assessment is aligned to the Standards of Learning.

Upon successful submission of all required assurances and documentation by the assessment vendor to the Virginia Department of Education (Department) indicating alignment to the SOL, the following will occur:

1. The Department will share with school divisions that the vendor has assured the alternative assessment is aligned to the SOL.
2. School boards may review assessment vendor submissions to determine if the school division will use an alternative assessment in lieu of the VGA.
3. The Department will extend no-cost contracts with assessment vendors that successfully submit assurances and documentation to support local procurement of such assessments.
4. School divisions will be required to submit to the Department separate documentation indicating which alternative assessment(s) the division will use and assurances that the alternative assessments will be administered at least at the beginning and middle of the school year.

I. Assessment Vendor Information

Assessment Vendor Name:

Name of Alternative Assessment(s):

Primary Contact:

Primary Contact Email:

Primary Contact Phone Number:

II. Alternative Assessment(s) Included in Submission

Select the Alternative Assessment(s) to the VGA to which this submission applies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Reading |
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III. Assurances

The assessment vendor assures that:

- As required by [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024, the alternative assessment(s) are aligned to the Standards of Learning.
 - As required by [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024, the alternative assessment(s) annually meet professional standards for validity and reliability.
 - As required by [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024, the alternative assessment(s) include at least one beginning-of-year, one mid-year assessment, and one end-of-year assessment.
 - As required by [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024, the assessment vendor will provide divisions with individual student growth scores over the course of the school year.
 - As required by [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024, the alternative assessment(s) use computer adaptive technology, have a test blueprint, and have a sufficient item bank that will administer off-grade (above and below grade) and on-grade items.
 - As required by the Code of Virginia [§ 22.1-253.13:3](#), subsection F, school divisions will be provided with a parent/family report that can be provided to parents with their students' results as soon as practicable after the assessment is administered.
 - As required by [Senate Bill 345](#) and [House Bill 1076](#) of 2024, the assessment vendor has training for teachers and principals on how to interpret and use student growth data from such assessments to improve reading and mathematics instruction in grades three through eight throughout the school year.
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IV. Documentation

The assessment vendor has provided the following regarding the alternative assessments:

- Robust documentation demonstrating alignment to the Standards of Learning.
- Technical report documenting validity and reliability of the alternative assessment.
- Documentation that that alternative assessment(s) includes at least one beginning-of-year

assessment, one mid-year assessment, and one end-of-year assessment.

- Technical report documenting the ability of the assessment to administer off-grade, on-grade, and above-grade items.
- Technical report documenting the ability to report individual student growth scores over the course of the school year.
- Example of the parent/family report and when it will be available to school divisions.
- List of training modules for teachers and principals on interpretation and use of student growth data.

V. Signatures

Authorized Assessment Vendor Representative (Signature):

Authorized Assessment Vendor Representative (Print):

Authorized Assessment Vendor Representative's Title:

For VDOE Use: