

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Independent School Headmasters, District Test Administrators (DAs), Alternate Assessment DAs

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SUBJECT: 2022 Physical Education Assessments and FitnessGram

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## Background

Physical fitness supports academic achievement. Physical Education is vital to Vermont's students, part of a well-rounded education, and supports local wellness programs. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has both curtailed Vermont's ability to carry out the statewide PE Assessment program and prompted a close reexamination of this part of our broader assessment system.

## 2022 Physical Education Assessments

The Vermont Physical Education Assessment (VTPEA) and the Alternate VTPEA will not be administered in the spring of 2022. Instead, Vermont will refocus our effort toward developing and piloting an inclusive student-centered performance assessment.

Considering this, the Agency of Education has made the decision not to fund the renewal of FitnessGram software licenses. This means that supervisory union/school district (SU/SD) and independent schools' current Vermont-paid school licenses will expire Dec. 31, 2021.

## FitnessGram

FitnessGram is a useful tool for assessing the health-related fitness of your students. As such, AOE has liaised with FitnessGram to support the following:

- If SU/SDs or independent schools would like to continue using the FitnessGram software, they have the option to renew their licenses.
- School licenses will be priced at \$149, and an SU/SD or independent school representative will need to complete [this form](#) for each site by Dec. 31, 2021.
- Continuing to use the FitnessGram software will grant access to the scientific criterion-referenced standards for each assessment along with resources to support fitness assessment.

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## Contact Information:

If you have questions about this document or would like additional information, please contact the AOE Assessment Team at [AOE.statewideassessment@vermont.gov](mailto:AOE.statewideassessment@vermont.gov)

If an SU/SD or independent school chooses not to renew the FitnessGram school licenses and would like to save data from past assessments, a District Level FitnessGram Data Export will need to be completed by the SU/SD or independent school for each year schools participated in the assessment prior to Dec. 31, 2021. This information must be saved in a protected location. Please use [these instructions](#) for the FitnessGram Data Export.

The support of districts, schools and educators in administering the VTPEA and Alt-VTPEA over the years is appreciated. We look forward to the work ahead in developing and piloting a new, innovative approach to performance assessment in the future.

More information on this new assessment and the voluntary pilot study will be released as it becomes available, and we appreciate your patience. If you have questions about the VTPEA or FitnessGram, please contact [Sue Yesalonia](#).