

State and National Assessments and College Admissions: Timelines, Schedules and Resources

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Purpose

The following communication provides Supervisory Unions and Districts (SU/SDs), schools and students with updated state, national and career/college readiness assessment information.

State Assessment Timeline and Schedule Information

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)

The [Smarter Balanced Remote Teaching and Learning Website](#) provides educators with suggestions regarding how to use Smarter Balanced resources and interims while teaching remotely, including questions and answers, do's and don'ts, videos, and planning resources.

Smarter Balanced Interim assessments are available for the 2019-20 school year until June 30, 2020. The interims will become available for the 2020-21 academic year on September 1, 2020. These resources are located on the [Vermont Common Assessment Portal](#), under the [Test Administration](#) tile. A [Quick Guide to Administering the Smarter Balanced Interims Remotely](#) can be found under Brochures and Quickguides in the resources section.

- **Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA)** – resemble the summative assessment. When choosing the ICA, please allow the same amount of time as you would for the annual summative assessment. Data yielded will resemble the summative test information. ICAs cover the breadth of the standards assessed on the Smarter Balanced assessment for each tested grade, but not the depth for diagnostic purposes.
- **Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)** – Unlike the ICAs, the IABs will measure a few standard claims and target one or two skills. These assessments are more diagnostic in nature and should provide good skill level information when starting a new unit.
- **TIDE and the TA certification course** will be available until June 30, 2020 and reopen on September 1, 2021. All educators must recertify annually to access interim assessments. Unlike the spring 2020 window, secure browsers will be needed to administer the interims in the fall of 2020. The new secure browser will be available August 16, 2020.

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Timelines and Schedules for College and Career Readiness Assessments

ACT

The next [ACT](#) test in Vermont will occur on July 18, 2020 . All June ACT testing in Vermont has been cancelled. The makeup test date is July 25, 2020. ACT will launch the [test-at-home option](#) as part of its national testing program in late fall/early winter. “In addition to the three previously planned fall test dates on September 12, October 24 and December 12, ACT will also offer a remote proctoring option for the ACT test in late fall/early winter 2020, allowing students to take the test at their home on a computer, or at other safe and convenient locations.” See the [ACT Leadership Blog](#) for more details.

ACT Webinars for Students

[Why You Should Choose Section Retesting](#): Join this free webinar to learn how section retesting gives you a greater level of focus while more closely aligning to typical college exams; [Why You Should Use a Superscore on Your College Application](#): Join this free webinar to learn how ACT will calculate superscores for all students and how you can truly show your proficiency in the subject matter.

AP Exams

Check out the [2020 AP Exam and Schedule Information](#) for details on each AP Exam by course; exam dates and times; what's covered and what's not; what students need on exam day, and more. To support students in continuing their AP journey even if their school is closed, [College Board](#) is offering free online AP classes and take-at-home exams.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

In order to take the [ASVAB](#) at a Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) for enlistment purposes, an individual will need to speak with a recruiter and schedule a time to take the test. Please review the [Army National Guard's website](#) for information and access to practice tests and the ASVAB standardized test.

IB Exams

The May 2020 examinations for Diploma Program and Career-related Program candidates have been cancelled. Please review the [IB Programmes and Exams FAQs](#) for current information about key topics such as assessment deadlines and school authorization.

Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

CTE centers are encouraged to use assessments provided through industry/field specific certification service providers, including but not limited to, the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute ([NOCTI](#)) and other technical, academic and workplace readiness assessment services.

SAT

The June 6, 2020, SAT and Subject Tests have been cancelled. The [2020-21 SAT dates and deadlines](#) offer information about additional testing opportunities, registration, and deadlines. In the unlikely event that schools do not reopen this fall, the College Board will provide a digital SAT for home use.

Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE)

The TABE Locator* and 11/12 assessment can now be administered online through remote proctoring. (Important to note that TABE 9/10 is not remote.)

- Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) delivered [live trainings](#) in late April/ early May. In addition to the live training, [Remote Proctoring Guidance](#) and [Remote Proctoring FAQs](#) can be found at <https://tabetest.com>.
- Additional TABE trainings and webinars can also be found on the [TABE](#) website.
- Also available is an [Accommodations Guide](#) and student [practice and sample items](#).
- Students must confirm that they have completed the TABE locator prior to taking the TABE 11/12.
- The TABE locator does not require a proctor.
- Educators can find TABE online support by calling 1-866-282-2250.

WorkKeys, ACT, Assessment

Beginning Fall 2020, Vermont CTE centers will administer WorkKeys initial tests to all students. The [ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate \(ACT WorkKeys NCRC®\)](#) measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations.

NOTE: [Vermont Adult Learning](#) offers services to help students prepare for the National Career Readiness Certificate. Contact your local [Vermont Adult Learning Center](#) to learn more.

World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)

Vermont uses Kindergarten W-APT, WIDA MODEL for Kindergarten, and WIDA Screener (Grades 1-12) to identify English language learners (ELLs). [ACCESS for ELLs is given to all ELLs during the annual testing window](#). If you are a classroom teacher, specialist, instructional coach, or school leader who does not already have a WIDA Secure Portal account and you would like to participate or get more information, contact Jim McCobb, Title III/English Learner Director: (802) 828-1533, james.mccobb@vermont.gov.