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VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES TESTING SEASON
Parents, Guardians, and Students Mark Your Calendars and Prepare for Success!

The Virgin Islands Department of Education's State Assessment Office is pleased to announce that testing season is officially underway. This is an important time for students, parents, and guardians to prepare for upcoming assessments that measure academic progress and proficiency across various subjects. The VIDE encourages everyone to be aware of test dates and support students in developing effective preparation strategies. Together, we can help all students strive for success during the designated test periods.

ACCESS for ELLs: January 8, 2025 – February 28, 2025

This summative English language proficiency assessment, part of WIDA's suite of tests, is taken annually by English learners from kindergarten through grade 12. It monitors students' progress in learning academic English and reflects WIDA's belief that no single test fits all students.

Multi-State Alternate Assessment: March 10, 2025 – April 25, 2025

Designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities, MSAA aims to improve academic outcomes in Math, English Language Arts, and Science, preparing students for a range of post-secondary opportunities. Assessments include Math and English Language Arts (grades 3-8 and high school) and Science (grades 5, 8, and high school).

Smarter Balanced Assessment & Next Generation Science Standards: March 17, 2025 – April 16, 2025

This suite of standards-aligned assessments supports instruction and fosters student learning in Math and English Language Arts.

The NGSS assessments evaluate K-12 Science content standards, aligning with Next Generation Science Standards to promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

VIDE encourages parents and guardians to help students prepare by incorporating the following strategies:

- Encourage students to set aside dedicated time each day for study and practice.
- Ensure students get adequate sleep, a balanced diet, and stay physically active to support their mental and physical well-being.
- Utilize practice tests, study guides, and classroom resources to review key concepts.
- Talk with students about their goals, challenges, and progress to provide motivation and support.

Testing season is an opportunity for our students to showcase their learning and growth. We encourage families to play an active role in helping students prepare and thrive during these assessments. Together, we can create an environment that supports academic achievement and builds confidence in our learners. The VIDE wishes all students the best during this testing season.

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