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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This is a reminder that all Vermont students are required to participate in state assessments. Below is a summary of the upcoming state assessments. Individual results on state assessments will be available in the summer.

State Math and English/Language Arts Assessment: All students in grades 3- 9 are required each spring to take the state test called the *Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)*. SBAC is a computer-adaptive assessment measuring each student’s performance against the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. This year schools will administer SBAC March 13 - June 1.

Vermont State Science Assessment (VTSA): The new Vermont Science Assessment, which was piloted last year, assesses students in grades 5, 8 and 11. Like SBAC, the science assessment is administered on a computer and is designed to measure each student’s performance against the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). This year schools will administer VTSA April 1 – May 31.

State Physical Education Assessment (VTPEA): The new Vermont Physical Education Assessment, which was piloted last year, will be administered to students in grades 4, 7, and 9. VTPEA uses Fitnessgram to assess students in four areas: aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility. Body composition will not be measured or reported. This year schools will administer VTPEA April 1 – May 31.

How can I learn more?

For more information about Common Core State Standards and the SMARTER Balanced Assessment (SBAC) go to the following sites:

- <http://www.corestandards.org>
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>
- <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning/content-areas/science>
- <https://www.nextgenscience.org>
- <https://www.shapeamerica.org/standards/pe>
- <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning/content-areas/physical-education>

Grade	Math and English/Language Arts SMARTER Balanced Assessment (SBAC)	Vermont Science Assessment (VTSA)	Vermont Physical Education Assessment (VTPEA)
3	✓		
4	✓		✓
5	✓	✓	
6	✓		
7	✓		✓
8	✓	✓	
9	✓		✓
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11		✓	

Schools will be designing their own testing schedule based on the state testing windows and will communicate those schedules to you. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s participation in this assessment please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

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