

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

### State and National Assessment Timeline and Schedule Information

On March 23, 2020, the AOE released information about the cancellation of Vermont's state summative assessments. For additional information regarding the accountability and assessment waiver please refer to [Secretary French's press release](#).

The following assessments have been cancelled:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium ELA and Math ([SBAC](#));
- Vermont Alternate Assessment ([VTAA](#));
- Vermont Science Assessment ([VTSA](#));
- Vermont Physical Education Assessment ([VTPEA](#))

### Timelines and Schedules for College and Career Readiness Assessments

**ACT:** The ACT has rescheduled its April 4, 2020, national test date to June 13, 2020, across the U.S. in response to concerns about the spread of the COVID-19. [ACT's April 2020 National Exam COVID-19 FAQ](#).

**AP Exams:** Please review the [College Board's AP Coronavirus Updates](#) for information about this year's AP Exam administration, exam dates, times, and free online AP resources.

**ASVAB:** Please review the [Army National Guard's website](#) for information and access to practice tests Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery standardized test.

**IB Exams:** The May 2020 examinations as scheduled between April 30th and May 22nd for Diploma Program and Career-related Program candidates have been cancelled. Please review the [International Baccalaureate's website](#) for more information.

**SAT:** The SAT scheduled for May 2nd as well as the makeup test dates for March have been cancelled. Please see the [College Board's website](#) for updated information on cancellations, makeups, and refunds.

**IRC - Industry Recognized Credentials:** Online IRC assessments are available by program area and vary when offered. Discuss availability and access with CTE program instructor or industry liaison. For more information, please see the Vermont Agency of Education's [list of approved IRCs](#).

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## College Admission Status Updates and Resources:

[National Association for College Admission Counseling \(NACAC\)](#): Information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

[Virtual College Admissions Events & Deposit Dates](#): Information about American colleges and universities virtual admission events and web registration links.

[Accuplacer Study App](#): The Accuplacer Study App provides interested students with free practice assessments.

## Additional Resources:

**Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments:** Smarter Balanced developed two types of interim assessments: Individual Assessment Blocks (IABs) and Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs). IABs are more targeted and drill down to skill levels, while ICAs are more comprehensive and mimic the summative assessments. More information will be published regarding appropriate use of the interim assessments in a remote learning environment; however, there is a [brochure](#) available in the VTCAP Portal that provides guidance on administering an interim assessment.

*Important Note:* Although the interim assessments will be made available for educators to use remotely, these items are to be handled in a secure manner. Official guidance on using the interim assessments in your distance learning environment is forthcoming.

[AIRWays Reporting Tool](#): Interim assessments use the same reporting tool as the Smarter Balanced summative assessments.

Links to the Digital Library **Connections Playlists** are embedded within the reporting tool which has been developed specifically for each interim. Please visit the [Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's website](#) for more information on Connections Playlists.

**Smarter Balanced Digital Library:** A hub of classroom activities, lessons, and professional development resources to help teachers enhance instruction and support learning. This resource is available until May 28, 2020. The Digital Library can be accessed through the [Vermont Comprehensive Assessment \(VTCAP\) Portal](#). Tools for Teachers is scheduled to soft-launch on June 16, 2020. For more information, please see the [Smarter Assessment Consortium's Digital Library website](#).

**Lexile & Quantile Hub: Instructional and Planning Resources:** Teachers employed by Vermont Supervisory Unions and School Districts have full access to the [Lexile & Quantile Hub](#). Families and students will also find free tools on the Hub to support their learning and career aspirations. For more information, please review the Vermont Agency of Education's [webpage regarding Lexile and Quantile Frameworks](#).

**AP Preparation Sessions:** Kaplan is offering free AP prep sessions on YouTube live for AP US History; AP World History; and AP Biology. These sessions will focus on question review and include time to ask a teacher questions. For more information, please see the [Free AP Programming website](#).

**College Board Resources:** Offers optional, free online AP classes, SAT prep tests, and FAQs for families. For more information, please go to the [College Board's website](#).

**ACT Test Preparation:** offers free, online resources for students, families, and K-12educators. For more information, please see [ACT's website](#).

**Khan Academy's Online Resources:** Offers free test preparation and online learning opportunities for AP courses, SAT practice, as well as resources for students, families, and educators. For more information, please go to [Khan Academy's website](#).

**Career Technical Education:** We recommend pursuing online assessments that are specific to the student's program. The National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) provides additional information and resources for remote assessments. For information about available remote testing please go to [NOCTI's website](#).