

VTCAP 2026 Office Hours April 22, 2026

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Hass, Amanda 0:07

All right, recording has begun for the final office hours for statewide assessments. It is April 22nd and we will begin.

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So, to review the agenda, we will go over some introductions, reminders, updates and any questions that come in. These slides and a recording will be shared on the help and support site linked here on the slide.

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So, since I'm already speaking, I'll just go ahead and introduce myself. My name is Amanda. I am the MSAA coordinator, which is the alternate assessment, and I will let Mabika go ahead.

Mabika, Goma 1:01

Hi everyone. My name is Mabika. I'm the VTCAP state coordinator. Thank you. I will let Lauren introduce herself.

Lauren Copp | Cogna 1:14

Hello everyone I am Lauren Copp from Cogna, and I am the program manager on VTCAP, and I will pass it off lastly to Stephanie.

Stephanie Ada 1:27

Hi, I'm Stephanie Ada, and I'm from the Pearson program team.

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Hass, Amanda 1:34

Thanks everyone. OK, let's jump to reminders.

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As a reminder, please refrain from putting any student information in the chat. If you need help with anything that requires student information, please call the Vermont Service Center or you can contact the MSAA Service Center with the phone number there in the e-mail as well.

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For the MSAA, testing closes in two days: this Friday, April 24th. Please be sure that all tests are in the submitted or not started or early stopping rule status. Any tests in the paused or locked status will be marked as incomplete and the student won't receive an individual student report, so it is key we get those tests in the correct status. I am keeping a close eye on those tests in the "pause" status and reaching out to any folks who will still need to submit by Friday.

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And for VTCAP reminders, I'll pass it to Mabika.

Mabika, Goma 2:53

Thank you, Amanda. So, we have few reminders about the VTCAP now that we are getting close to the test window closing. Just a reminder it's on May 1st. Yeah, so after May 1st, our students won't be able to submit any test, and just also so you know that you need to make sure that all required students have completed their testing by then. Tests that are in progress will be automatically submitted after May 2nd, and also, we want to remind you to ensure that all student information are accurate and their identifier is a 7-digit state student ID.

You need to review accommodation and support for accuracy purposes and also apply an accountability code if needed. Know that we have three accountability

codes: for ELL English language learners, for alternate assessments, and also student data exempted.

Just so you know, the exemptions form that you submitted, the decision will be made after testing has completed. We also have assurances that need to be completed and certifications as well, and that's the next slide, yes.

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So we have three main assurances that we expect that you submit after testing is completed. One is the "Appropriate assessment and accommodation certification" and for the school test coordinator, the "Proper Test Administration" certification, as well as assurances description.

So, I'll give it back to Amanda.

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Hass, Amanda 4:56

Thanks, Mabika.

And Mabika also touched on the medical exemptions and mentioned that the decisions on the requests will be made once the window closes. The form to request the exemption will be open until May 8th and then that form will close. So if you have any students who would have needed a request, please submit those by May 8th at the latest. And anyone who did submit will receive their decision approval or non-approval via e-mail.

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And looking ahead to post-assessment scores and reporting, the MSAA scores and results will be available July 15th, and shortly after, the VTCAP scores and results will be available July 22nd. The reporting training for the VTCAP will be July 23rd, with more details to follow as we make those decisions.

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And a couple of reminders for the ACCESS assessment. The student reports become available online on April 30th, which is next Thursday and mailed to the different schools by May 16th. The rest of the slide has some resources for educators on Alternate ACCESS and scores, ACCESS scores and reports, as well as some translated student score reports through the WIDA Assessment Management System. There're also Parent Letters available. Lots of resources here and if you have any questions, please reach out to Heidi Jo. Her e-mail is here at the bottom of the slide.

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And finally, moving into some updates.

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Our update on the ELA session three writing prompt is a pretty small update in that we are just continuing to explore options and possibilities, and we expect to have an update and a decision by the end of this week, if not sooner.

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Testing updates.

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We have a screenshot of the test, the VTCAP as of yesterday in the morning. 92,336 new tests and 90,283 submitted tests. Well on our way. Looking good there.

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And MSAA updates. This screenshot is from this morning. And we are very close to being completely tested here. This data is raw data; the decision rules have not been applied fully yet. So, for example, the early stopping rule percentage here may or

may not hold based on how that data gets validated. These might change a little bit.

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Are there any questions?

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Hearing no questions and seeing no questions in the chat, we will just ask that you stay updated by subscribing to our assessment listserv. We have that link here for you. We send out a quarterly newsletter, and we talk about different statewide assessment and school accountability updates as well.

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And there are no more Office Hours planned for this year. But please reach out to us via our e-mail here if you have any questions. Feel free to also contact the Vermont Service Center by the phone number or e-mail here, and similarly for the MSA. There's the phone number and the e-mail there.

So, thank you so much for your time this afternoon and as always, reach out with questions.

Lauren Copp | Cognia 9:29

Thank you.