

VTCAP 2026 Spring Administration

Resource Regarding Reset ELA Assessments

During the statewide administration of the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment, a limited number of student tests were reset and restarted due to assessment administration issues. If a student's assessment was reset, the score reported reflects the student's second assessment attempt and accurately represents the performance demonstrated on that completed assessment.

Test resets may occur for a variety of reasons, including:

- A student began testing with incorrect accommodations assigned.
- A test was submitted before the student intended to finish, either inadvertently or due to navigation within the testing platform.
- A student unintentionally missed the writing prompt and needed the opportunity to complete the assessment as intended.
- In rare instances, a technical issue caused the assessment to be submitted unexpectedly.

In each case, the student was given the opportunity to restart and complete the assessment as designed and receive a valid score.

The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) has an established process for reviewing and approving test reset requests. The District Administrator (DA) submits each request through the Vermont Service Center, including the reason for the reset. The AOE has identified a set of pre-approved circumstances under which resets may be authorized. Requests involving extenuating circumstances outside those criteria are escalated to the AOE for review and a determination to approve or deny. All test resets completed during the statewide administration were requested by the applicable DA and approved by the AOE through this process.

The AOE and its assessment partners have reviewed the circumstances surrounding these situations and are taking steps to strengthen assessment administration procedures and prevent similar issues in future administrations.

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