



### Update on Testing Progress:

The table to the right indicates the progress of student testing from March 17th to April 1st. Most schools have taken advantage of the 3 month testing window. We continue to welcome your feedback and have been submitting your suggestions to AIR. Please continue to keep us informed regarding any discrepancies or glitches that occur during your testing session.

#### 2015 SBAC Assessment Tally: WK 3 of 13

Total # of students registered 43,846	Completed the Summative Assessments		Completed the Performance Tasks		Total # of Tests Completed to date: <b>15,557</b> (9%)
	Grade / #	ELA	MA	ELA	MA
11: 6998	639	324	176	182	1321
8: 6222	1128	923	673	426	3150
7: 6129	1158	890	684	404	3136
6: 6113	1195	534	705	267	2701
5: 6153	800	431	423	186	1840
4: 6214	748	473	402	362	1985
3: 6017	442	352	340	290	1424

### Message from the Director on Appeals

*“One of the many differences between SBAC and NECAP is the SBAC appeals system. As a reminder, appeals allow the test administrator to (1) reset a test, which allows the student to start over with a completely new set of questions, (2) re-open a test, which allows the student to go back to the last item the student completed if a test session has been closed prematurely, (3) extend the grace period, which allows the student to review and change answers after expiration of the pause rule, and (4) invalidate a test, which removes the test result from scoring and reporting. We are beginning to learn some of the advantages over NECAP that the appeals can provide. For example, I was recently contacted by a test administrator who, in typical NECAP thinking, believed that an ELA test had to be invalidated because a para-educator had mistakenly read the entire test to the student. When that happened with NECAP, the student could not receive any credit for the assessment, even though the mistake was made by the adult. However, because of the SBAC appeals process, we were able to reset the test so the student could start over and submit a valid test. Although I don't believe anyone has tried this yet, if a test administrator notices that a student is answering questions rapidly, presumably without taking them seriously, it would be possible and permissible to stop the student, encourage the student to take the test seriously, and then have the student start over. One thing to keep in mind about appeals is that you have to submit the appeal to me through TIDE and then give me a chance to approve. Generally, I've been processing appeals at the beginning and end of each workday. If you would like the approval to come through more quickly, please call to alert me that your appeal has been submitted.”* **Michael Hock, Director of Educational Assessment, michael.hock@state.vt.us / 802-479-1288**

### NECAP Science Reminder

As a reminder, the NECAP Science Assessment will be administered in May, using the same processes and procedures that were used in the past. Measured Progress will send a letter to principals in the very near future with a new password for the NECAP iServices page, and with information on the test administration. The test window for science opens on May 4 and runs through May 28. For more information visit the NECAP Science page on the AOE website ([http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-NECAP\\_Science\\_2015\\_Information.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-NECAP_Science_2015_Information.pdf)).



**We've tried one of our students on the computer test and s/he just can't do it. Can we still get a copy of the pencil and paper test?** The due date for ordering the pencil and paper version of SBAC for an entire school has long passed. However, it is still possible to order a copy for a student having difficulty interacting with the online assessment. Please keep in mind that the pencil and paper tests should be used only as a last resort because (1) they are not computer adaptive, and (2) they do not provide the array of universal tools and embedded accessibility supports that are available on the computer-delivered test. Information on how to order a pencil and paper test can be found [here](#).

**Print on Demand: Can I select the print size?** Yes. However, selecting the size is located near the bottom of the student information screen. **NOTE:** Correction from last week's entry. There is no “code” needed to activate Print on Demand.

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