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Vermont Physical Education Assessment Updates

TO: VTPEA Teacher Leaders and District Test Administrators
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SUBJECT: VTPEA Information
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Links to Vermont Physical Education Assessment (VTPEA) Training Materials

- The 2019 *VTPEA Test Administration Manual* has been posted on the [Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Portal](#) (VTCAP). This manual provides guidance for using the VTPEA suite, local VTPEA management, and data reporting.
- The VTPEA 'Training of Trainers' power point used in the January 8, 2019 training is now available in the VTCAP.

VTPEA Certification Test

- Any educator administering the VTPEA to students must complete the VTPEA certification process. This process includes attending SU/SD/IS VTPEA trainings that review the VTPEA administration and data reporting as well as passing the VTPEA certification test with an 80% or better. The link to the VTPEA certification test can be found in the VTCAP.
- The Agency of Education is developing online-training materials to support VTPEA training and the certification process. VTPEA teacher leaders will be notified when these materials become available.

Parent Letter

A sample letter for student's parents or guardians explaining the VTPEA has been developed and posted on the VTCAP.

Alt-VTPEA Reporting

The Alt-VTPEA Reporting link and spreadsheet have been posted on the VTCAP under the Alt-VTPEA card.

Clarifications

- The Alt-VTPEA – For students that cannot access FitnessGram protocols for one or more fitness domain:
 - Use the Brockport Physical Fitness Test (BPFT) if they are diagnosed with one of the five disabilities BPFT addresses.

- If the student has a disability that is not included in the BPFT then an Individual Fitness Assessment (IFA) is designed by the student's Alt-VTPEA team. This team may consider use of FitnessGram or BPFT protocols when designing the student's IFA as well as other appropriate fitness assessment measure to collect fitness data. For more information, please refer to the VTPEA-TAM.
- VTPEA Medical Condition guidance: for any student that has a medical condition that impacts their safety during VTPEA testing, the student's local IEP team and/or school nurse will help determine which activities the student may safely complete. If the student may not safely complete the activities in the FitnessGram, new activities may be created to assess their fitness using the Individual Fitness Assessment address the health and safety concerns of the student.
- Reporting tip: Students that are on a class or grade list but using the Alt-VTPEA. You do not need to remove student names from FitnessGram. Just leave records blank in FitnessGram and include them on the Alt-VTPEA reporting form.

VTPEA Office Hours

Beginning in March 2019, the Agency of Education (AOE) will hold 'Office Hours' for educators that will be administering the VTPEA. Office hours will provide educators an opportunity to talk with AOE VTPEA staff to resolve questions or problems. Office hours will take place at the following times the second and fourth week of March, April, and May:

Tuesdays: 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting links will be posted in the Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Portal.

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