

Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program (VSEP) At-A-Glance

Description of Assessment

- The Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program (VSEP) is designed for students with disabilities who have attained the knowledge and skills addressed by the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL), but are unable to access the assessment(s) due to the nature of their disabilities and type of accommodations they use to access content and/or assessments.
- Student performance and supporting evidence are called a Course Work Compilation (CWC). A CWC is a selection of student work that demonstrates to the review panel that the student has demonstrated proficiency in the SOL for a specific course/content area.
- The VSEP measures the same End of Course SOL as are measured by the multiple-choice test. VSEP may also be used to demonstrate literacy and/or numeracy certification for students seeking a Modified Standard Diploma and meeting VSEP participation criteria.

Participation Criteria

Students participating in VSEP must meet ALL the following criteria:

1. The student has a current IEP or 504 plan.
2. The student is enrolled in or has passed a course that has a SOL End-Of-Course test and/or the student is pursuing a Modified Standard Diploma and seeking certification for having met the literacy and/or numeracy requirements.
3. The impact of the student's disability demonstrates to the IEP team or 504 committee that the student will not be able to access the SOL assessments even with accommodations and, therefore, requires a substitute evaluation.

In considering possible participation in VSEP, IEP team/504 committee members must be sure that all possible accommodations have been examined within the student's program in order to provide access to content and assessment within the specific SOL course.

Student Evidence

Student evidence is collected throughout the school year. A CWC is submitted for scoring.

The student's course-content teacher and the student's special education teacher are responsible for creating an evaluation plan that explains how the student will demonstrate proficiency on the specific SOL addressed in the course.

Diploma Type

Students who participate in the VSEP are eligible for the Modified Standard, Standard, or Advanced Studies Diploma.

Source

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Assessment/CrosswalkofAltAssessments.pdf>

For more information see <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Assessment/home.shtml>

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