



Board Approved VGV Policy on Mandatory Test Participation

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Standardized tests and assessments, whether they are VGV's NWEA and Edgenuity assessments, or the State of Rhode Island's SAT, PSAT and NGSS Science tests, are critical to gathering data on student performance as well as school progress. VGV has an official policy for the class of 2018 and beyond which makes mandatory that every student takes all the standardized assessments very seriously.

- *Assessments must be participated in by every student; including test preparation and e-courses*
- *Participation in all assessment activities, including e-courses, workshops, test prep and test day are mandatory*
- *All students must understand that the school's performance depends on each student's effort and that every student's participation is important to the school*
- *Students must do their absolute best on every part of the assessments and practice*
- *All tests are covered by this policy; including SAT, PSAT, NGSS Science, ACCESS, Edgenuity and NWEA*

Furthermore,

- *If student refuses to either complete an assessment, work hard on test preparation workshops and e-courses, or take an assessment seriously, then that student's ability to participate in graduation and end of year activities is at risk and may be severely compromised. If you refuse to take the SAT In-school or NGSS Science test you cannot, "Walk the stage" at graduation.*

Additionally, with the recent change by RIDE in the adoption of the SAT and PSAT as our state-wide assessment for charter renewal, all students at VGV must know:

- ✓ The SAT In-School and PSAT scores will be reported on VGV official transcripts to colleges
- ✓ Colleges and Universities will receive four (4) SAT In-School scores directly from the College Board. These schools will be chosen as part of the SAT In-School process here at VGV
- ✓ Every student must be present for test day as there are limited options for make-ups
- ✓ Both the Superintendent's and Commissioner's Seals are dependent on doing well on the SAT
- ✓ The method of "bubbling" in cover pages and answers can be tricky and learning them is important
- ✓ Students and families should know that the SAT test is lengthy. There are multiple sections and unlike NWEA, the test does not determine when the student is done. The SAT must be completed. Also, it is important to rest and sleep the night before. Being tired will hurt results.