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### **SMARTER BALANCED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS TO BEGIN TERRITORY-WIDE ON APRIL 2**

ST. THOMAS, USVI—The Virgin Islands Department of Education will administer the 2019 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in English/Language Arts and Mathematics to public school students enrolled in grades 3 – 8, and 11. The testing window will be open from April 2nd through June 14th.

This is the fourth administration of the territory-wide end of year assessments, which are aligned to higher academic standards for college and career readiness adopted by the VIDE.

Smarter Balanced test results provide teachers and parents with detailed information on how students are performing on their paths to success. The tests emphasize critical thinking skills by asking students to solve multi-step, real world problems in math and apply research and writing skills in English language arts. Please explore and interact with sample questions just as students encounter them by visiting, <https://vide.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

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