

# Dickenson County Public Schools

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Re: Notification of the Virginia Growth Assessment (VGA)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Virginia Growth Assessment (VGA) is a new assessment required for students in grades 3-8. The state legislature introduced this requirement to measure student growth and progress within the school year in reading and mathematics. For fall 2021, VGA will focus on identifying potential learning gaps resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students enrolled in grades 3-8 will take an assessment in reading and in mathematics. *Students enrolled in a high school level math course will not be assessed in mathematics.* In Dickenson County Public Schools, VGA assessments will be given between August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will inform students of the specific dates they will be scheduled to take these assessments.

The following points may help you and your student better understand this assessment.

- VGA is an online, computer adaptive test with SOL-like items.
- The assessment is about half as long as the SOL test.
- Questions address content that was taught in the previous school year.
- There is no "passing" or "failing" outcome for this assessment; individual student results will be used to measure growth.

If you have questions about this state assessment for your student, please contact your school Principal, School Counselor, or the central office.

Thank you!