



PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Parents' Guide to Standards of Learning (SOL) Testing

TESTING SCHEDULES

Elementary:

May 18th – VA Studies (grades 4 & 5)
 May 20th – Science (grade 5)
 May 26th & 27th – Reading (grades 3-5)
 June 2nd & 3rd – Math (grades 3-5)
 June 7th – 11th – Make ups & Retakes

Note: Both the reading and math tests are taken over two days. Students must be present on both days to fully complete the test.

Secondary:

Grade 8 & End of Course Writing
 Window: April 16th – May 7th

Spring Non-Writing
 Window: May 14th – June 11th

Note: Each secondary school develops their own unique testing schedule. Please refer to the school's website for specifics days and times.

Accommodations & Modifications:

Students with accommodations may be required to test on different days than those defined above. Case managers will provide personalized testing schedules when alternative days are required.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In-Person Students:

In-person students will test in a secure testing environment as they normally do during the regular school day Monday through Thursday.

Virtual Students:

Virtual students will be required to come into the school to take the test in a secure testing environment. Virtual students typically come into the buildings to test on Fridays; however, some students may be asked to come in Monday through Thursday depending on the school's testing schedule and the student's need for accommodations and modifications.

Testing Devices:

All students, unless they are provided specific accommodations or modifications, will take their SOL tests on their school issued Chromebook. Please ensure your child comes to school with their Chromebook fully charged.

SOL TESTS

| Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Math | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Math • VA Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Math • VA Studies • Science |
| Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Math | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Math | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Writing • Math • Civics • Physical Science |
| Grade 9 | PGHS | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math • History • Science | SOL requirements in grades 10-11 are based on the need for verified credits. Please see the PGHS course offering guide for additional information. | |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are SOL tests required?

SOL tests are a required part of specific courses; however, parents do have the right to refuse to allow their child to take an SOL test. Students whose parents refuse to allow them to take the SOL tests will not be penalized for not taking the assessment. For a standard parent refusal, the student's testing record will show a score of zero "0". For a COVID-19 related parent refusal, the student's testing record will show a no score "NS". Please note, refusing to allow your child to take a required SOL test associated with a high school credit-bearing class may impact their date of graduation.

What if I do not want my virtual student to come into the building to test due to COVID-19?

Parents/guardians reserve the right to refuse to allow their child to enter the school building to test. For students in grades 3-8, this decision will not negatively impact your child's testing record. They will receive a "no-score". For students in grades 8-11 that need to take the SOL for a verified credit will need to contact their student's school counselor as the decision to refuse may impact their student's date of graduation.

What do I need to do if I want to exercise my parental right of refusal?

Parents/guardians wishing to exercise their right to refuse to allow their child to test, must complete the online [Parent Refusal Form](#) by April 20, 2021.

What is a passing score?

A scaled score of 400 is considered passing. A scaled score of 500 or above is considered pass advanced and a scaled score of 600 is considered a perfect score.

What score is needed for a high school student to earn a verified credit?

To earn a verified credit for graduation, students taking a high school credit bearing course with an associated SOL test must earn a scaled score 400 and pass the course to earn the verified credit. For this year only, students earning a scaled score of 350 to 399 will be awarded a locally awarded verified credit (LAVC) if they have passed the associated course. Students earning a scaled score between a 375 and 399 are eligible for an expedited retake.

What is an Expedited Retake?

An expedited retake is an additional testing attempt awarded to students that score between a 375 and 400. The expedited retake provides students the opportunity to earn a passing score. Grade 8 and EOC writing do not have an expedited retake.

Who do I call if I have additional questions?

Please contact the School Testing Coordinator (STC) at your child's school or the Division Director of Testing.

| SCHOOL TESTING COORDINATORS | | | | | | | |
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