

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Students in Lynchburg City Schools are preparing for the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests. The SOLs serve as one method to measure mastery of both content and skills outlined by the Virginia Standards of Learning for each grade level. These assessments serve as an opportunity to provide information concerning student achievement to the state. More importantly, SOLs provide information to the student, parent, school, and division to best plan instruction in the future.

The following list details the grade level and the assessments given. The assessments listed at the high school level **serve as verified credits necessary for graduation**.

Grade	SOL(s)/Assessments
3	Reading, Mathematics
4	Reading, Mathematics, Virginia Studies
5	Reading, Mathematics, Science, Integrated Reading & Writing
6	Reading, Mathematics
7	Reading, Mathematics, Civic & Economics
8	Reading, Mathematics, Science, World Geography, Integrated Reading & Writing
EOC (High School)	HS Math, HS Science, HS History, English 11 Reading, English 11 Integrated Reading & Writing, Writing Performance Assessments
Other	As needed for verified credits

As the testing window for your learner approaches, staff will contact you with specific information detailing the tests, dates, and locations of those tests. Remote students will receive notification of their in-person testing opportunities.

All students enrolled in Virginia public schools are expected to take the applicable state tests. The *Virginia Board of Education Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia*, available online at [www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/accreditation/soa.doc](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/accreditation/soa.doc) state:

“In kindergarten through eighth grade, where the administration of Virginia assessment program tests are required by the Board of Education, each student shall be expected to take the tests” and “each student in middle and secondary schools shall take all applicable end-of-course SOL tests following course instruction” (p. 9).

As a parent, if you refuse to have your student participate in one or more of the required SOL assessments, then you should contact the school in writing of your desire to refuse to test. The state is not waiving high school graduation requirements. Verified Credits will still be required for graduation.

We look forward to the success of your student. If you become aware of any unavoidable scheduling conflicts, please contact your child’s school. High School students should contact the school Assessment Specialist.