

DATE: May 11, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: 2018-2019 Virginia Standards of Learning Test Administration Schedule

The state schedule for the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for the 2018-2019 school year is included as an attachment to this memorandum and is available on the Department of Education's Web site on the <u>SOL Test</u> <u>Administration and Development</u> page. Please share these dates with appropriate personnel so that SOL testing and other activities for the 2018-2019 school year may be scheduled without conflicts.

## Fall 2018 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The fall 2018 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday**, **October 15**, **2018** to **Friday**, **November 2**, **2018**. Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2019 may have an additional online testing opportunity if they are not successful on their first attempt. The first online test opportunity for Term Graduate students must be administered between **Monday**, **October 15**, **2018** and **Friday October 26**, **2018**. If a Term Graduate student fails the first attempt, the student may be administered a second online End-of-Course (EOC) Writing test during the Term Graduate second attempt test window scheduled from **Monday**, **November 12**, **2018** to **Friday**, **December 7**, **2018**.

#### Fall 2018 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the fall 2018 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of October 15, 2018. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday**, **October 15, 2018 or Tuesday, October 16, 2018**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**. Students who are absent on the date of the statewide paper short-paper component will respond to a different writing prompt, the alternate prompt, during the make-up period. Term Graduate students completing paper tests will be provided two testing opportunities. All paper SOL Writing tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday**, **November 2, 2018**.

#### Fall 2018 SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The fall 2018 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday**, **November 26**, **2018** to **Friday**, **February 22**, **2019**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for grades 6 through 8, Content Specific History (CSH), and EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the fall. Prior to the test administration, each Division Director of Testing (DDOT) will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the fall 2018 Non-Writing SOL tests within the statewide test window.

## **Spring 2019 Online SOL Writing Tests:**

The spring 2019 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday**, **March 4**, **2019** to **Friday**, **April 5**, **2019**. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2019 grade 8 and EOC SOL Writing tests online within the statewide test window.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2019 may have an additional online testing opportunity if they are not successful on their first test attempt. The first online test opportunity for Term Graduate students must be administered between **Monday**, **March 4**, **2019 and Friday**, **March 15**, **2019**. If a Term Graduate student fails the first attempt, the student may be administered a second online EOC Writing test during the Term Graduate second attempt test window scheduled from **Monday**, **April 8**, **2019** to **Friday**, **April 26**, **2019**.

# Spring 2019 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the spring 2019 grade 8 or EOC SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify one test window for the division from three possible paper test window options as follows:

- Option 1 (also the Term Graduate test window): The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either Monday, March 4, 2019 or Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered Wednesday, March 6, 2019. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by Tuesday, March 19, 2019.
- Option 2: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 11, 2019 or Tuesday, March 12, 2019**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 13, 2019**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 26, 2019**.
- Option 3: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 18, 2019 or Tuesday, March 19, 2019**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, March 29, 2019**.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2019 with a documented need for a paper test will be provided two testing opportunities. The paper version of the SOL Writing test will be administered during the Term Graduate test window, also Option 1, as described above. These tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday**, **March 19, 2019**, to ensure the availability of test results prior to spring graduation.

## Spring 2019 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The spring 2019 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday**, **April 8**, **2019** to **Friday**, **June 21**, **2019**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for grades 3 through 8, CSH, and EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the spring. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2019 Non-Writing SOL tests to Term Graduate students and other students taking EOC, grades 3 through 8, and CSH tests within the statewide test window.

#### Summer 2019 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The summer 2019 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday**, **July 8**, **2019** to **Friday**, **July 26**, **2019**. Two online EOC Writing test opportunities will be available to Term Graduate students, but in contrast to the fall 2018 and spring 2019 online SOL Writing test administrations, test results

from the first test attempt will not be available prior to the administration of a second online test attempt. The two online Writing test attempts will be administered to Term Graduate students during the summer online SOL Writing test window (July 8 – July 26, 2019).

## Summer 2019 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the summer 2019 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of July 8, 2019. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday**, July 8, 2019 or Tuesday, July 9, 2019. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Students who are absent on the date of the statewide paper short-paper component will respond to a different writing prompt, the alternate prompt, during the make-up period. Term Graduate students completing paper tests will be provided two EOC Writing test opportunities during the SOL Writing test window. All paper SOL Writing tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by Friday, July 19, 2019.

## Summer 2019 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The summer 2019 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday**, **June 10**, **2019** to **Friday**, **September 13**, **2019**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the summer.

Questions concerning the schedule for the state assessment program should be directed to student assessment staff at <u>Student\_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov</u> or by phone at (804) 225-2102.

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#### Attachment:

A. 2018-2019 Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments: Test Administration Dates (Word)

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