



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Aimee Guidera, Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Education

SUBJECT: **2023-2024 Virginia Assessment Program Test Administration Dates**

The statewide [2023-2024 Virginia Assessment Program Test Administration Dates](#) are now available on the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) [Standards of Learning \(SOL\) Test Administration & Development](#) webpage and detailed within this memo. Please share this information with appropriate personnel so that Virginia Assessment Program testing and other activities for the 2023-2024 school year may be scheduled without conflicts.

Fall 2023 Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics Growth Assessments

The fall 2023 statewide Grades 3-8 reading and mathematics Growth Assessments test window is scheduled from **Monday, August 7, 2023**, to **Friday, October 6, 2023**. School divisions are encouraged to identify a test window of three- to four-weeks within the statewide test window to administer tests to all students enrolled in Grades 3-8 reading and mathematics classes. School divisions should ship paper answer documents for scoring by the last day of the division's test window. Paper tests are available only to students with a documented need for a paper test.

Winter 2023 Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics Growth Assessments

The winter 2023 statewide Grades 3-8 reading and mathematics Growth Assessments test window is scheduled from **Monday, November 27, 2023**, to **Friday, February 16, 2024**. School divisions are encouraged to identify a test window of three- to four-weeks within the

statewide test window to administer tests to all students enrolled in Grades 3-8 reading and mathematics classes. School divisions should ship paper answer documents for scoring by the last day of the division's test window. Paper tests are available only to students with a documented need for a paper test.

Fall 2023 Online SOL Writing Tests

The fall 2023 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, October 16, 2023**, to **Friday, November 3, 2023**. Term Graduate students, or those students attempting to accrue sufficient verified credits to graduate by August 31, 2024, 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 should be administered between **Monday, October 16, 2023**, and **Friday, October 27, 2023**. 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 13, 2023**, to **Friday, December 8, 2023**.

Fall 2023 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the fall 2023 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of **October 16, 2023**. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, October 16, 2023**, or **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. Students who are absent on the date of the statewide short-paper component of the paper test will respond to a different writing prompt, the alternate prompt, during the makeup 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 3, 2023**.

Fall 2023 SOL Non-Writing Tests

The fall 2023 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, November 27, 2023**, to **Friday, February 16, 2024**. School divisions 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 2023 Non-Writing SOL tests within the statewide test window. Divisions must select a three- to four-week test window for all first-time test takers and EOC re-testers. Term Graduate students may be tested in a longer window to account for the additional test attempts that may be necessary to meet verified credit requirements.

Spring 2024 Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) Tests

The spring 2024 statewide VAAP test window for Grades 3 through 8 and high school reading and mathematics, and Grades 5, 8, and high school science will extend from **Monday, February 26, 2024**, to **Friday, June 21, 2024**. Divisions may be asked to identify a smaller test window within the statewide test window to administer these tests.

Spring 2024 Online SOL Writing Tests

The spring 2024 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, March 4, 2024**, to **Friday, April 5, 2024**. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2024 Grade 8 and EOC SOL Writing tests online within the statewide test window. Divisions must select a three- to four-week test window for all first-time test takers and EOC re-testers.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2024, 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 should be administered between **Monday, March 4, 2024**, and **Friday, March 15, 2024**. 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, 2024**, to **Friday, April 26, 2024**.

Spring 2024 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the spring 2024 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, 2024**, or **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**.
- Option 2: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 11, 2024**, or **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**.
- Option 3: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 18, 2024**, or **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, March 29, 2024**.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2024, 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, 2024**, to ensure the availability of test results prior to spring graduation.

Spring 2024 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests

The spring 2024 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, April 8, 2024**, to **Friday, June 21, 2024**. School divisions 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 2024 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. Divisions must select a three- to four-week test window for all first-time test takers and EOC re-

testers. Term Graduate students may be tested in a longer window to account for the additional test attempts that may be necessary to meet verified credit requirements.

Summer 2024 Online SOL Writing Tests

The summer 2024 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, July 8, 2024, to Friday, July 26, 2024**. Two online EOC Writing test opportunities will be available to Term Graduate students, but in contrast to the fall 2023 and spring 2024 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, **Monday, July 8, 2024, to Friday, July 26, 2024**.

Summer 2024 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the summer 2024 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of **July 8, 2024**. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, July 8, 2024, or Tuesday, July 9, 2024**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024**. Students who are absent on the date of the statewide short-paper component of the paper test 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, 2024**.

Summer 2024 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests

The summer 2024 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, June 10, 2024, to Friday, September 13, 2024**. School divisions have flexibility in determining their testing windows for EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the summer. Divisions must select a three- to four-week test window for all first-time test takers and EOC re-testers. Term Graduate students may be tested in a longer window to account for the additional test attempts that may be necessary to meet verified credit requirements.

For questions regarding the test administration dates for the Virginia assessment program, please contact student assessment staff at (804) 225-2102 or Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov.

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