



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia Standards of Learning Test Administration Schedule for 2016-2017

The state schedule for the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for the 2016-2017 school year is included as Attachment A to this memorandum and is available on the Department of Education's Web site on the [SOL Test Administration and Development](#) page. Please share these dates with appropriate personnel so that SOL testing and other activities for the 2016-2017 school year may be scheduled without conflicts.

Fall 2016 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The fall 2016 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, October 17, 2016 to Friday, November 4, 2016**. Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2017 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 17, 2016 and Friday October 28, 2016**. If a Term Graduate student fails the first attempt, the student may be administered a second online EOC Writingtest during the Term Graduate second attempt test window scheduled from **Monday, November 14, 2016 to Friday, December 9, 2016**.

Fall 2016 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the fall 2016 SOL Writing test *and* those students needing to retake the EOC English: Writing test based on the 2002 English SOL (2002 SOL) should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of October 17, 2016. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, October 17, 2016 or Tuesday, October 18, 2016**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**. 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 4, 2016**.

Fall 2016 SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The fall 2016 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, November 28, 2016 to Friday, February 24, 2017**. 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. The VMAST grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests and VMAST Algebra I and EOC Reading tests also will be available for administration in fall 2016 to eligible students who need to pass these tests for

graduation. In August 2016, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the fall 2016 Non-Writing SOL tests within the statewide test window.

Spring 2017 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The spring 2017 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, March 6, 2017 to Friday, April 7, 2017**. In November 2016, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2017 grade 8 and EOC SOL Writing tests online within the statewide test window.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2017 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 6, 2017 and Friday, March 17, 2017**. 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 10, 2017 to Friday, April 28, 2017**.

Spring 2017 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the spring 2017 grade 8 and EOC SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test. In November 2016, 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 Term Graduate test window): The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 6, 2017 or Tuesday, March 7, 2017**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**.
- Option 2: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 13, 2017 or Tuesday, March 14, 2017**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**.
- Option 3: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 20, 2017 or Tuesday, March 21, 2017**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, March 31, 2017**.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2017 with a documented need for a paper test or needing to retake the EOC English: Writing (2002 SOL) test will be provided two testing opportunities. The paper versions of the appropriate 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 21, 2017**, to ensure the availability of test results prior to spring graduation.

Spring 2017 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The spring 2017 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, April 10, 2017 to Friday, June 23, 2017**. 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. The VMAST grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests and VMAST Algebra I and EOC Reading tests also will be available for administration in spring 2017 to eligible students needing to pass these tests for graduation. In January 2017, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2017 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 2017 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The summer 2017 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, July 10, 2017** to **Friday, July 28, 2017**. Two online EOC Writing test opportunities will be available to Term Graduate students, but in contrast to the fall 2016 and spring 2017 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 10 – July 28, 2017).

Summer 2017 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the summer 2017 SOL Writing test *and* students needing to retake the EOC English: Writing (2002 SOL) test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of July 10, 2017. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, July 10, 2017 or Tuesday, July 11, 2017**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, July 12, 2017**. 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 21, 2017**.

Summer 2017 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The summer 2017 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, June 12, 2017** to **Friday, September 15, 2017**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the summer. The grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests, VMAST grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests, and VMAST Algebra I and EOC Reading tests also will be available for administration in summer 2017 to eligible students who need to pass these tests for graduation.

Questions concerning the schedule for the state assessment program should be directed to student assessment staff at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by phone at (804) 225-2102.

Attachment:

- A. [2016-2017 Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments: Test Administration Dates](#) (PDF)