Winter 2023-2024 Grade 8 Reading Growth Assessment

In the 2023-2024 school year, students in Virginia public schools will take growth assessments in Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics. Legislation passed in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly (HB2027 and SB1357) requires these assessments be administered to students once in the fall and once in the winter (mid-year). In addition to the growth assessments, the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics will continue to be administered. Test items at, below, and above a student's grade level may be delivered online via the computer adaptive algorithm as appropriate for the student. **Please note that the winter 2023 computer adaptive test for Grade 8 Reading will begin with questions that assess Grade 8 Reading SOL, and the overall test may include test questions that assess Grade 7 or Grade 8 Reading SOL.**

Test Blueprint Summary Table

Reporting Category	Grade 8 SOL Eligible to Appear in the Winter Growth Assessment	Number of Items Winter Growth Assessment Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) Format**	Number of Items Winter Growth Assessment Paper Format
Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts and use word analysis strategies*	8.4a-c, e-f 8.5a-i	7 (about 37% of the test)	14 (45% of the test)
Demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts and use word analysis strategies*	8.4a-c, e-f 8.6a-l	12 (about 63% of the test)	17 (about 55% of the test)
Total Number of Items on Test		19	31
Total Number of Passages on Test		3	4

*_Using word analysis strategies and word reference materials_ will be tested with both fictional and nonfictional texts.

**The online CAT includes multiple-choice questions and technology-enhanced items (TEI). The number of TEI on the CAT can range from 5% to 30% as the test meets the blueprint requirements and adapts to the performance level of the individual student.

Technology-Enhanced Item Types

There are different types of technology-enhanced items. Some examples include:
- drag and drop,

- hot spot, and
- hot text.
- [Introduction to TestNav 8: Multiple-Choice/Technology-Enhanced Item Tests](#) provides a brief description of the different types of TEI, including what is needed for a TEI to be considered "answered."