

Dear Virginia Parents,



In the next few weeks, your child will take Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOL) state assessment. Here are four things you should know to help you set your child up for success and ensure you have access to resources to support their academic growth.

1 The SOL tests can help you understand how well your child is doing in each grade level subject.

Understanding your child's SOL scores along with grades, classroom work, and teacher and student feedback provides you with a more complete picture of your child's learning over the past year. The results also help to show which content areas and skills need additional support and where more time with a teacher or tutor over the summer could help them catch up or speed up their learning.

2 You can help your child know what to expect on the test by reminding and encouraging your child that this test reflects what they have been doing in class all year long.

You can also show your child practice test questions online by [clicking here](#).

Click on the yellow "Practice Items" bar to select their grade level on the left-hand side and the subject at the top of the screen. As they practice, it's okay to reassure them that while it may not be easy, nothing on the test should be a surprise, and their best effort is what counts.

3 After the test, you can use their test score report to view not only your child's results, but also specific skills where they might need more support.

To gain access to your child's report when it becomes available, please register on the Virginia Assessment Parent Portal. Joining is easy and ensures that you have access to important state test results for your child. Visit the [Virginia Assessment Parent Portal](#) website and click on "Sign Up."

When prompted, enter your: First Name, Last Name, Email Address, and a Password. After you select Create Account, an email from "noreply@mail.pearsonaccessnext.com" will be sent to your email with a link to confirm your account. Your account will not be activated until it is confirmed. If you need help, you can find [more detailed instructions here](#) or reach out to your child's school.

4 There are steps you can take if your child didn't perform as well as you expected. Talk to your child's teacher to learn more about ways you can give support from home.

Here are some key questions you can ask:

- Is my child on grade level in all subject areas?
- Where does my child need more help?
- How can I support them at home in those areas?
- Are there other classroom tests I should be aware that will help me understand my child's progress?

[Additional support can be found here](#). There are specific questions to ask about reading and math, as well as a planning tool to help you prepare for conversations with your child's teacher.

At the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), we are eager to partner up and provide you with [information and resources](#) as you advocate for your child's success.

We are here to support you along the way. We encourage you to reach out to us if you need additional support by emailing the Office of Parental Engagement at parents@doe.virginia.gov

