



Commonwealth of Virginia Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #051-22

DATE: March 4, 2022

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Virginia Assessment Program Test Administration Dates

The statewide <u>2022-2023 Virginia Assessment Program Test Administration Dates</u> are now available on the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) <u>Standards of Learning (SOL) Test Administration & Development</u> webpage and detailed within this memo. Please share this information with appropriate personnel so that Virginia Assessment Program testing and other activities for the 2022-2023 school year may be scheduled without conflicts.

Fall 2022 Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics Growth Assessments

The fall 2022 Grades 3-8 reading and mathematics Growth Assessments test window is scheduled from Monday, August 8, 2022, to Friday, October 7, 2022. 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 are to 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 2022 Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics Growth Assessments

The winter 2022 Grades 3-8 reading and mathematics Growth Assessments test window is scheduled from Monday, November 28, 2022, to Friday, February 17, 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 are to 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 2022 Online SOL Writing Tests

The fall 2022 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from Monday, October 17, 2022, to Friday, November 4, 2022. Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2023, 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 17, 2022, and Friday, October 28, 2022. 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 14, 2022, to Friday, December 9, 2022.

Fall 2022 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the fall 2022 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of October 17, 2022. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either Monday, October 17, 2022, or Tuesday, October 18, 2022. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. 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 testing opportunities. All paper SOL Writing tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by Friday, November 4, 2022.

Fall 2022 SOL Non-Writing Tests

The fall 2022 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from Monday, November 28, 2022, to Friday, February 17, 2023. 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 2022 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 retesters. 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 2023 Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) Tests

The spring 2023 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 27**, 2023, to **Friday**, **June 23**, 2023. Divisions may be asked to identify a smaller test window within the statewide test window to administer these tests.

Spring 2023 Online SOL Writing Tests

The spring 2023 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from Monday, March 6, 2023, to Friday, April 7, 2023. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2023 Grade 8 and EOC SOL Writing tests online within the statewide test window. Divisions must select a three- to fourweek test window for all first-time test takers and EOC retesters.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2023, 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 6, 2023, and Friday, March 17, 2023. 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, 2023, to Friday, April 28, 2023.

Spring 2023 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the spring 2023 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 6, 2023, or Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered Wednesday, March 8, 2023. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by Tuesday, March 21, 2023.
- Option 2: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either Monday, March 13, 2023, or Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered Wednesday, March 15, 2023. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by Tuesday, March 28, 2023.
- Option 3: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either Monday, March 20, 2023, or Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered Wednesday, March 22, 2023. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by Friday, March 31, 2023.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2023, 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 21, 2023, to ensure the availability of test results prior to spring graduation.

Spring 2023 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests

The spring 2023 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from Monday, April 10, 2023, to Friday, June 23, 2023. 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 2023 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 retesters. 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 2023 Online SOL Writing Tests

The summer 2023 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from Monday, July 10, 2023, to Friday, July 28, 2023. Two online EOC Writing test opportunities will be available to Term Graduate students, but in contrast to the fall 2022 and spring 2023 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 10, 2023, to Friday, July 28, 2023.

Summer 2023 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the summer 2023 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of July 10, 2023. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either Monday, July 10, 2023, or Tuesday, July 11, 2023. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on Wednesday, July 12, 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 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**, **2023**.

Summer 2023 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests

The summer 2023 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from Monday, June 12, 2023, to Friday, September 15, 2023. 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 retesters. 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 more information

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

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