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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #182-21**

DATE: July 9, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2021-2022 Virginia Assessment Program Test Administration Dates**

The statewide [2021-2022 Virginia Assessment Program Test Administration Dates](#) are now available on the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) [Test Administration](#) webpage and detailed within this memo. Please share this information with appropriate personnel so that Standards of Learning (SOL) testing and other activities for the 2021-2022 school year may be scheduled without conflicts.

Fall 2021 Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics Growth Assessment

The fall 2021 grades 3-8 reading and mathematics Growth Assessment test window is scheduled from **Monday, August 23, 2021**, to **Friday, October 15, 2021**. 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 2021 Online SOL Writing Tests

The fall 2021 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, October 18, 2021, to Friday, November 5, 2021**. Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2022, 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 18, 2021, and Friday, October 29, 2021**. 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 15, 2021, to Friday, December 10, 2021**.

Fall 2021 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the fall 2021 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of October 18, 2021. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, October 18, 2021, or Tuesday, October 19, 2021**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**. 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 5, 2021**.

Fall 2021 SOL Non-Writing Tests

The fall 2021 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, November 29, 2021, to Friday, February 18, 2022**. 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 2021 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 additional test attempts that may be necessary to meet verified credit requirements.

Spring 2022 Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) Tests

The spring 2022 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 late winter or early spring to **Friday, June 24, 2022**. Additional details regarding the VAAP test window will be forthcoming for school divisions.

Spring 2022 Online SOL Writing Tests

The spring 2022 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, March 7, 2022**, to **Friday, April 8, 2022**. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2022 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 retesters.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2022, 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 7, 2022**, and **Friday, March 18, 2022**. 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 11, 2022**, to **Friday, April 29, 2022**.

Spring 2022 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the spring 2022 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 7, 2022**, or

Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 9, 2022.** All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 22, 2022.**

- Option 2: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 14, 2022,** or **Tuesday, March 15, 2022.** The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 16, 2022.** All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 29, 2022.**
- Option 3: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 21, 2022,** or **Tuesday, March 22, 2022.** The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 23, 2022.** All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, April 1, 2022.**

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2022, 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 22, 2022,** to ensure the availability of test results prior to spring graduation.

Spring 2022 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests

The spring 2022 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, April 11, 2022,** to **Friday, June 24, 2022.** 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 2022 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 2022 Online SOL Writing Tests

The summer 2022 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, July 11, 2022**, to **Friday, July 29, 2022**. Two online EOC Writing test opportunities will be available to Term Graduate students, but in contrast to the fall 2021 and spring 2022 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 11, 2022** to **Friday, July 29, 2022**.

Summer 2022 Paper SOL Writing Tests

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the summer 2022 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of July 11, 2022. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, July 11, 2022**, or **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, July 13, 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 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 22, 2022**.

Summer 2022 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests

The summer 2022 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, June 13, 2022**, to **Friday, September 16, 2022**. 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 concerning 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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