

RETAKE SOL ASSESSMENTS

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:3.
8VAC 20-131-30 et seq.
8VAC 20-131-110 et seq.

Cross Refs.: IKF Standards of Learning Assessments, Verified Units of Credit and Diploma Classifications
IKF-R Standards of Learning Assessments, Verified Units of Credit and Diploma Classification Regulations
IKG Remediation Recovery Program
IKG-R Remediation Recovery Program Regulations
IL Testing Programs

RETAKING SOL ASSESSMENTS

Students in ~~kindergarten~~ ~~grades 3~~ through ~~grade 8~~ are ~~not required~~ to retake ~~Virginia Assessment Program tests~~ ~~Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments~~ unless they are retained in a grade and have not previously passed the ~~related tests assessment~~ ~~or as otherwise permitted by the Virginia Board of Education~~. Students in high school are ~~not~~ required to retake end-of-course SOL ~~tests as determined by the Virginia Board of Education~~.

~~assessments unless they have previously failed the course and the SOL assessment and are re-enrolled in the course, or the student needs to pass the SOL assessment to earn verified credit for graduation. The Virginia Board of Education will provide opportunities for students who meet criteria adopted by that board to have an expedited retake of an SOL assessment.~~

Eligibility Criteria for Students Retaking SOL Assessments

~~Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) will offer expedited “retakes” of the grade 3-8 and end-of-course SOL reading, mathematics, science, and history assessments to students who meet the following criteria:~~

- ~~1. Have passed the course associated with the assessment, and~~
- ~~2. One of the following:~~
 - ~~● Failed the assessment by a narrow margin; or~~
 - ~~● Failed the assessment by any margin and have extenuating circumstances that would warrant retesting; or~~
 - ~~● Did not sit for the regularly scheduled assessment for legitimate reasons.~~

~~For purposes of these criteria, “narrow margin” means a scaled score of 375-399. The Superintendent will be responsible for making the determination of what constitutes “extenuating circumstances” and “legitimate reasons” for purposes of establishing eligibility for an expedited retest of an end-of-course SOL assessment.~~

~~In addition, the following conditions apply for grade 3-8 SOL assessments:~~

- ~~1. Parents/guardians of students shall be notified: (a) of the opportunity to retake the assessment(s); (b) that a decision not to retake any or all of the assessment(s) will not impact their child’s grade or academic record; and (c) of the opt-in requirement.~~
- ~~2. Prior to any additional testing, ACPS will obtain and thereafter maintain for a reasonable period of time documentation of affirmative parental consent and permission for their child to take an expedited retake.~~

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Commented [1]: With the revisions this is word for word the VSBA model policy. The deleted content has been moved to the new regulation IKH-R and revised.

Commented [2]: There is no mention on remediation for kindergarten - 2nd grade in IKG/KG-R. Do we want to be consistent with grades 3 through 8 across the board for both policies?

Commented [3]: Just to clarify...IKG-R states that if they do not pass the SOL they are required to participate in remediation. However according to this policy they are not required to retake the SOL exam. Is that correct?

Commented [4]: I believe that is a result of the assessment being one piece of data and not a graduation requirement like at the HS. You should remediate at the lower grade levels to support student growth based on the data.

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