

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: April 26, 2024

**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:**       

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**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** 2024 Reading SOL Testing Schedule - May 20, 2024

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

**SY 2023-2024 FOCUS AREA:**

Academic Achievement

Student Supports

Student Connection and Attendance

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Increase Support for Social and Emotional Learning

**SUMMARY:**

This brief updates the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) School Board about the 2024 Reading Standards Of Learning (SOL) Testing Schedule scheduled for 11th-grade students at the King Street Campus of Alexandria City High School (ACHS).

**DETAILS:**

On May 20, 2024, ACHS - King Street Campus will operate on a three-hour testing schedule.

- All 11th Grade Students will report to the King Street Campus at 8:35 AM and take the Reading SOL.
  - Lunch will be served starting at 12:00 p.m.
  - Dismissal for test takers who have completed the exam will be at 1:15 p.m. Buses will be provided.

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- Students who need extra time will have the ability to catch a school bus at 3:15 p.m.
- **Ninth (9th) grade students who only have classes scheduled at the King Street Campus of Alexandria City High School will complete asynchronous assignments.**
- **Ninth (9th) grade students at the Minnie Howard Campus of Alexandria City High School will report to school as usual and will operate on a normal schedule.**
- **King St. Campus students only in the 10th, and 12th grades will complete asynchronous assignments.**
- Students who are **not testing** at the **Satellite and Change For Change Campuses** of Alexandria City High School will **report to school as usual and will operate on a normal schedule.**

### May 20, 2024 Reading SOL Overview

- On May 20, 2024, 11th-grade students at the King Street campus of Alexandria City High School will take the Reading SOL Exam.
- On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion, which will be approximately 1:15 p.m. Students with extra time accommodations will be released upon completion. Transportation will be provided at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.
- Students who are not testing at the King Street Campus will not report to school and will work asynchronously on assignments posted in Canvas.
- Students who are not testing at the Satellite and Chance for Change Campuses will report to school as usual.
- Students at Minnie Howard Campus will report to school as usual.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Reading SOL is a 40-question test that all 11th-grade students (approximately 900) must pass in order to earn their Verified Reading Credit and graduate high school. Additionally, school funding and accreditation are linked to both the pass rate and participation rate of this test. Historically, ACHS has worked towards improving our low participation rate. Students need to complete the Reading SOL for the federal participation rate under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Therefore, it is required that we ensure a 95% Participation Rate.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information in this board brief that on May 20, 2024, Alexandria City High School - King Street will operate on a three-hour testing schedule.

#### **IMPACT:**

The recommended schedule is intended to increase participation rates and secure optimal testing conditions for students taking the SOL Reading test on May 20, 2024.

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### REFERENCES:

None

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None

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