

April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Newport News Public Schools will be administering the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments this spring. SOL assessments will be administered to students in grades 6 through 8 beginning in April. Students will be administered the grade level reading and math SOL assessments. Additionally, 8th grade students will be administered the Civics and Economics SOL assessment and/or the grade 8 science SOL assessment.

For the 2020-2021 school year only, only middle students participating in End of Course assessments (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and/or Earth Science) will be offered the opportunity to take the expedited retake assessment if they earn the qualifying score of 375-399 and have parental permission. End of Course assessment are used to verify credits towards the student’s high school diploma.

For hybrid students (in-person learning), SOL assessments will be administered on the days your child is in school. Students that are in the virtual option, bus transportation will be provided by the division, however parents can choose to transport their child to and from school.

Assessment	Administration Dates (Transportation will be available to Virtual Students on Wednesdays at 8:00 am)
Grade 6 Reading	April 26 – April 30
Grade 7 Reading	May 3 – May 7
Grade 8 Reading	May 3 – May 7
Grade 6 Math	May 10 – May 14
Grade 7 Math	May 10 – May 14
Grade 8 Math	May 17 – May 21
EOC Algebra I	May 17 – May 21
EOC Geometry	May 17 – May 21
EOC Algebra II	May 17 – May 21
Civics & Economics (Grade 8)	May 24 – May 28
Grade 8 Science	June 2 – June 8
EOC Earth Science (CMS Only)	June 2 – June 8

Please be sure your student arrives at school for testing with their NNPS issued device fully charged. Students can not test on their own devices.

Newport News Public Schools understands the challenges our families and community has faced regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Our school staff are extremely cautious and diligent in implementing mitigation strategies to ensure a safe instruction and testing environment. If you have any concerns or questions with your child taking the SOL assessment, please contact your school’s testing coordinator.