

RETAKING SOL ASSESSMENTS

Students in grades 3 through 8 are not required to retake Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments unless they are retained in a grade and have not previously passed the assessment. Students in high school are not required to retake end-of-course SOL 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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Legal Refs.: [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
	IL	Testing Programs