

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Required, Mandated, or Optional	Who Takes It?	What is it and why is it important?	How are results used?
Growth Measures				
Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP)	State Mandated	PreK and Kindergarten	The Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) includes a coordinated set of assessments that measure children’s skills in early mathematics, literacy, self-regulation, and social skills.	The VKRP helps educators gain a more comprehensive understanding of students’ school readiness skills. Reports and instructional resources help educators identify student strengths and support student growth in areas where it is most needed
Quarterly Benchmark Assessments	Required by the Division	Kindergarten- 5th	Core subject area benchmark assessments are given to measure student progress towards grade-level content and skills.	Educators use data to identify specific learning needs of the student
Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS)	State Mandated	Grades K-5	VALLSS allows teachers to view data that reflects students’ alphabet and sound recognition, concept of word, fluency, comprehension, spelling, word lists (sight words), and instructional reading level. The data then allows the teachers to differentiate reading, word study, and it gives teachers a measure of growth (Fall, Winter, & Spring Assessments)	Results are used to provide small group VALLSS instruction for 30 minutes per day in groups of five or less for all students who qualify, utilizing VALLSS scoring indicator of “High Risk.” .
STAR Reading and Math	Required by the Division	Grades K-5	STAR assessments are a series of computer-adaptive tests used to assess student progress in reading and math. They are not pass/fail and are designed to provide teachers with data to personalize learning and identify areas where students may need additional support. The tests adjust in difficulty based on student responses, making them a more efficient way to gauge a student’s true academic level.	Results are used to determine students in need of small group remediation

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Progress Monitoring				
FASTBRIDGE	Required by the Division	Students in SBIT	FASTBRIDGE data provides teachers with quick and reliable probes that accurately measure a student's academic performance. Teachers can use the data to monitor progress of students to see trends, weaknesses, and strengths.	Helps instructional staff identify at risk students in the school and focus on specific instructional needs.
State Accountability				
Standards of Learning (SOL)	State Mandated	Grades 3-5	The SOL tests are the state mandated assessments that measure mastery of the Virginia Standards of Learning. Grade 3: Math & Reading Grade 4: Math, Reading, & VA Studies Grade 5: Math, Reading, & Science	The results of SOL tests are used for state accreditation and compliance with ESSA. Individual student results are used as one measure to make educational decisions. Summary results are used as a measure to guide school improvement actions.
Local Alternative Assessment (SOL) Science (3) Social Studies (3) US History I (5)	State Mandated	Grades 3 and 5	In accordance with the VA Department of Education (VDOE), all students must take alternative assessments to replace eliminated SOL tests. The alternative assessments are meant to engage students in critical thinking experiences.	Results are used as a summative assessment for the skills taught. The superintendent must verify to the VDOE annually that alternate assessments were given to all students who would have been required to take the eliminated SOL test.
Nationally Normed				
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Federally Mandated	Randomly selected school for national sample (4th grade)	The NAEP is the largest nationally representative assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. The NAEP provides results on subject matter achievement.	NAEP does not provide individual results to students or schools. However, the results are used to inform the public about the academic achievement of students in the United States. Results are provided on The Nation's Report Card and are frequently used to guide policymakers in educational decisions.

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Gifted Testing				
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	Required by the Division	Grade 2	The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is a group- administered K-12 assessment intended to estimate students' learned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a battery of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal test items.	Results of the CogAT are used for gifted program screening for all students. Results of the CogAT are one component of the profile used for students being referred for gifted program services.
English Learners (ELs)				
WIDA ACCESS for ELs 2.0	State Mandated	English Learner Students	ACCESS for ELs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This data allows students to receive appropriate assistance in the four language domains.	Data is used to develop individualized plans for EL students and provide them appropriate instructional support.

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. If you would like to receive information about this topic, please contact Shonna Woods, Coordinator of Student Assessment, either by phone at [\(276\) 634-4761](tel:2766344761), or in writing at P. O. Box 8958, Collinsville, VA 24078.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Name of Assessment	Required, Mandated, or Optional	Who Takes It?	What is it and why is it important?	How are results used?
Growth Measures				
Common Formative Assessments (CFA) and Diagnostic Formative Assessments (DFA)	Required by the Division	Math Students	CFA/DFAs are diagnostic resources for teachers and administrators to identify students' readiness and check for understanding of the unpacked standards (EKS).	CFA/DFA results provide valid evidence to guide instruction and to target learning recovery and enrichment.
CIP Benchmark Assessments	Required by the Division	6th - 8th	The CIP benchmark assessments are given to measure student progress towards grade level content and skills.	Educators use data to identify specific learning needs of the student
STAR Reading	Required by the Division	Grades 6-8	This reading test uses a variety of measures to assess students' reading abilities, including word recognition, vocabulary knowledge, comprehension, and fluency. The assessments are designed to be age-appropriate and aligned with state and national reading standards.	Results are used to determine students in need of small group remediation
Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS)	State Mandated	Grades 6-8	VALLSS allows teachers to view data that reflects students' alphabet and sound recognition, concept of word, fluency, comprehension, spelling, word lists (sight words), and instructional reading level. The data then allows the teachers to differentiate reading, word study, and it gives teachers a measure of growth (Fall, Winter, & Spring Assessments)	Results are used to provide small group VALLSS instruction for 30 minutes per day in groups of five or less for all students who qualify, utilizing VALLSS scoring indicator of "High Risk." .
IRW Prompts	Required by the Division	Grades 6-8	The Integrated Reading and Writing component of the Reading 8 SOL test has students write an essay about an information test. Students will build capacity for that assessment with practice each year.	Results inform group and individual writing instruction for the school year.
ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs)				
WIDA ACCESS for ELs 2.0	State Mandated	English Learner Students	ACCESS for ELs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This data allows students to receive appropriate assistance in the four language domains.	Data is used to develop individualized plans for EL students and provide appropriate instructional support.

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State Accountability				
Standards of Learning (SOL)	State Mandated	Grades 6–8	The SOL tests are the state mandated assessments that measure mastery of the Virginia Standards of Learning. Grade 6: Math & Reading Grade 7: Math, Reading, & Civics Grade 8: Math, Reading, IRW, & Science	The results of SOL tests are used for state accreditation and compliance with ESSA. Individual student results are used as one measure to make educational decisions. Summary results are used as a measure to guide school improvement actions.
Local Alternative Assessment USII (6)	State Mandated	Grade 6	The SOL Alternative Assessments are assessments that measure mastery of Virginia Standards of Learning using a performance task.	Results are used as a summative assessment for the skills taught.
Nationally Normed				
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Federally Mandated	Randomly selected school for national sample (8th grade)	The NAEP is the largest nationally representative assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subject areas. The NAEP provides results on subject matter achievement.	NAEP does not provide individual results to students or schools. However, the results are used to inform the public about the academic achievement of students in the United States. Results are provided on The Nation’s Report Card and are frequently used to guide policymakers in educational decisions.

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HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

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Growth Measures				
Common Formative Assessments (CFA) and Diagnostic Formative Assessments (DFA)	Required by the Division	Students in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	CFA/DFAs are diagnostic resources for teachers and administrators to identify students' readiness and check for understanding of the unpacked standards (EKS).	CFA/DFA results provide valid evidence to guide instruction and to target learning recovery and enrichment.
CIP Benchmark Assessments	Required by the Division	Students in a course with an associated SOL test	The CIP benchmark assessments are given to measure student progress towards grade level content and skills	Educators use data to identify specific learning needs of the student
ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs)				
WIDA ACCESS for ELs 2.0	State Mandated	English Learner Students	ACCESS for ELs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This data allows students to receive appropriate assistance in the four language domains.	Data is used to develop individualized plans for EL students and provide appropriate instructional support.
NATIONALLY NORMED				
Preliminary SAT (PSAT)	Required by the Division	Grade 10	The PSAT is a preliminary version of the SAT. Not only does the PSAT help prepare students to take the SAT or ACT, but achieving a certain score on the PSAT can also open the door to National Merit Scholarships and other awards.	Introduction to the actual SAT that students must take to enter college.
Advanced Placement Tests	Optional or Required	Students enrolled in AP classes	Standardized exams designed to measure how well a student has mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course.	Earn credit for college classes, culmination of the AP course

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College, Career, and Citizenship Readiness				
Industry Certification	State Mandated	Grades 9-12	Requirements for the standard diploma shall include a requirement to earn a career and technical education credential that has been approved by the Board, that could include, but not be limited to, the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia workplace readiness skills assessment.	Results are used to demonstrate compliance with graduation requirements.
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Optional	Grade 11	The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a multiple-choice test used to assess a student's strengths and potential for success in military and civilian careers. It helps determine qualification for enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces and identifies suitable job roles based on individual skills. Even for non-military paths, the ASVAB provides valuable insight into career interests and aptitudes, making it a useful tool for future planning.	ASVAB results are used to determine eligibility for enlistment in the U.S. military and to match individuals with military jobs that best fit their abilities. Scores are divided into subtests that assess skills in areas like math, science, and verbal reasoning. The Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) score, derived from the ASVAB, determines basic enlistment eligibility. Additionally, results can guide career counseling and highlight strengths for civilian career paths.
Avant (STAMP)	Optional	Grades 11-12; Optional	The Avant assessment uses real world scenarios to identify levels of language proficiency. Students are assessed in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening.	Results are used to determine qualification for a Seal of Biliteracy on high school diploma
State Accountability				
Standards of Learning (SOL) Local Alternative Assessment Substitute Tests for Verified	State Mandated	Students in grades 9-12	The SOL tests are the state mandated assessments that measure mastery of the Virginia Standards of Learning.	The results of SOL tests are used for state accreditation, compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015(ESSA) and as a graduation requirement.

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