

RETAKING SOL ASSESSMENTS

Students in kindergarten through grade 8 are not allowed to retake 3 – 8 grade Standards of Learning (SOL) tests unless they are retained in grade and have not previously passed the test. Students in high school or middle school are not required to retake end-of-course SOL tests unless the student previously failed the course and the test, or the student needs to earn verified credit for graduation.

With such funds as are appropriated by the General Assembly, the Board of Education will provide opportunities for students who meet criteria adopted by that board to have an expedited retake of a SOL test to earn verified credit or to meet literacy and numeracy requirements for the Modified Standard Diploma.

Under the criteria established by the state Board, the student must

- Need the test for verified credit; and
- Have passed the course associated with the test, and have met one of the following
 - Failed the test by a narrow margin, or
 - Failed the test by any margin and have extenuating circumstances that would warrant retesting, or
 - Did not sit for the regularly scheduled test for legitimate reasons.

For purposes of these criteria, “narrow margin” means a scaled score of 375-399. The division 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.

Adopted:

Legal Refs: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-254(D)

8 VAC 20-131-30

8 VAC 20-131-110

Guidance Governing Certain Provisions of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public School in Virginia 8 VAC 20-131 (Virginia Board of Education as amended January 13, 2011)