

Equity, Assessment, & Strategic Operations

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Newport News Public Schools will be administering the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments this spring. Students in grades 3 through 5 will be administered the grade level reading and math SOL assessments. In addition, 4th grade students will be administered the Virginia Studies SOL assessment and 5th grade students will be administered the grade 5 science SOL assessment.

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) that was signed into law December 10, 2015, states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state and 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 your child’s school testing coordinator.

For the 2020-2021 school year only, the division will not be offering expedited retake opportunities to students who score 375-399 on the grades 3-8 SOL assessments.

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

May/June 2021				
Monday (Hybrid Students)	Tuesday (Hybrid Students)	Wednesday (Virtual Students)	Thursday (Hybrid Students)	Friday
24 G3-5 Reading Part A	25 G3-5 Reading Part B	26 Gr 3 Reading Part A Gr 4 & 5 Reading Parts A&B	27	28
31 No School Memorial Day	1	2 Gr 3 Reading Part B Gr 4 Va Studies Gr 5 Science	3 Gr 4 Va Studies Gr 5 Science	4
7 G3-5 Math Part A	8 G3-5 Math Part B	9 G3-5 Math Parts A&B	10	11

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.