



State Growth Assessment Transparency Statement

Date: September 6, 2022

Legislation was passed in the 2021 General Assembly (HB2027 and SB1357) requiring the implementation of a state growth assessment. In 2022-2023, the legislation calls for the administration of a fall, winter growth assessment, and the typically occurring spring SOL tests. During the fall and winter administration students in grades 3-8 will be required to take a reading and mathematics test. If a grade 6-8 student is enrolled in an Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II course, they will not take the state growth math assessment.

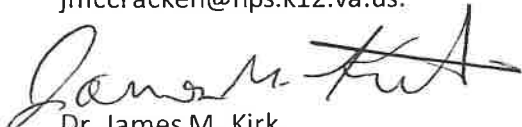
The state growth test serves two purposes for our students. First, it will provide information about students' strengths and identify instructional needs. Second, the assessment will provide a baseline for the identification of growth when compared to the spring SOL test in May of 2023.

The division testing window for the state growth assessment is September 19th through September 30th. Each school selects their testing dates within the division window. Be advised, all dates are subject to change due to circumstances.

The state growth assessment will be shorter than the SOL test typically administered in the spring of the school year with 17-25 items per test. Results will not be reported as pass/fail, they will include a vertical scaled score and a student detail by question (SDBQ) report. The results will be provided to parents through the Parent Portal. The school will send the Parent Portal Claim Codes needed to view the SDBQ reports online. Below is the Azalea Gardens Middle School testing schedule for the growth test window:

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| Monday September 19 - Reading 6 | Monday September 26 - Math 7 |
| Tuesday September 20 - Math 6 | Tuesday September 27 - Reading 8 |
| Wednesday September 21 - Reading 7 | Wednesday September 28 - Math 8 |
| Make Up Days 9/22 and 9/23 | Make Up Days 9/29 and 9/30 |

If your student continues to be learning in a virtual environment, you will be contacted by school staff to discuss individual test dates. If you have any questions about your student's participation in any state testing, please email the Assistant Principal, Mr. Justin Smith at jsmith@nps.k12.va.us or email the School Test Coordinator, Jaimie McCracken at jmccracken@nps.k12.va.us.



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