

April 13, 2021

Dear Parents,

Standards of Learning (SOL) tests continue to be required by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the United States Education Department (USED) for the 2020-2021 school year. Elementary and middle school students will test as required by their enrolled grade level and high school students will test according to the verified credits they require for graduation. In accordance with VDOE guidelines, all tests must take place in-person. If a student is enrolled in full-time virtual instruction throughout a division testing window, their school will contact them regarding testing and transportation details.

### **Testing Schedule**

Reading, Mathematics, Science, and History tests will be administered May 10<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 3-EOC (high school). Each school will communicate their detailed testing schedules with families as they are developed. Below are the division SOL testing windows.

Division Spring 2021 SOL Test Windows by Content Area and Grade Level

<b>Testing Window</b>	<b>Testing Grades</b>	<b>SOL TEST(S) ADMINISTERED</b>
May 10 <sup>th</sup> to June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 3-5	Reading, Math SOL
May 10 <sup>th</sup> to June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 5	Science SOL
May 10 <sup>th</sup> to June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 5	History/Social Science SOL (Virginia Studies)

### **Expedited Retakes**

The results of the 2020-2021 SOL tests will be used to evaluate the impact of the pandemic on student learning as well as a means to establish new baselines for measuring future student growth. For the 2020-2021 school year, NPS will **discontinue** the administration of expedited retakes for grades 3 through 8 SOL tests. This will allow our schools to focus on resuming in-person instruction and prioritize the social, emotional, and physical well-being of students and staff.

Please contact your child's school to address any concerns you may have with your child participating in SOL testing for the 2020-2021 school year.