Legislation was passed in the 2021 General Assembly (HB2027 and SB1357) requiring the implementation of a state growth assessment. In 2024-2025, 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 2024.

The division testing window for the state growth assessment is listed below. Each school selects their testing dates within the division window. Be advised, all dates are subject to change due to circumstances.

* *Fall state growth assessment - September 3rd - 13th*

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 and will be available in ParentVUE. Claim codes and SDBQ reports will be available in ParentVUE under documents. Use the claim code to view the SDBQ reports online in the Parent Portal.

Below is Lake Taylor School’s testing schedule for the fall growth test window:

* September 10 – Grades 3-8 Math
* September 11 – Grades 3-8 Reading
* September 12/13 – Makeup testing

If your student continues to be learning in a virtual environment, they will need to be present in person on the days listed to test.

If you have any questions about your student’s participation in any state testing, please contact Ms. Kelleigh Britton at 757-892-3230 or kbritton@nps.k12.va.us.