

May 2019

Dear Elko Families:

Virginia's state assessment program includes the **Standards of Learning Tests (SOL)** for students in grades 3 - 8, and certain high school credit course. These tests are based upon the Virginia Standards of Learning. This year, **SOL Tests** for HCPS middle school students will be administered May 6– May 24, 2019 (including make-up testing). Expedited Retake testing will be administered May 28 - June 13, 2019. Additionally, students in high school credit courses which do not have an End of Course (EOC) SOL will take their second semester exam.

The Test Nav 8 platform will be used again this year for testing. Practice with this application can be found at <https://va8.testnav.com/client/index.html>. This platform offers tools for students to use as they demonstrate their knowledge on the SOL test(s). Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) will be used for all grades 6-8 Math and Reading online SOL tests, thus reducing the number of questions needed to determine the test score.

Scores on these tests will help you and your child's school evaluate academic achievement. It is important you help your child feel comfortable and positive about taking the **Standards of Learning and Henrico Assessment Tests**. In preparation for testing, proper rest and nutrition are essential. Please encourage your child to get a good night's rest before his/her testing days and to eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of each test. Since the testing will all be online, it is essential computers be brought to school every day *fully charged*.

Students should avoid bringing personal electronic devices (phones, watches, tablets, etc.) into an SOL testing room during an SOL test administration. Procedures related to these circumstances are described in detail in the Henrico County Public Schools Policies and Regulations (Regulation R6-08-004), which can be found at <http://webapps.henrico.k12.va.us/policy/>. We encourage all families and students to review these procedures prior to SOL testing.

Once the SOL testing session begins, students will not be permitted to leave the testing location until all students have finished testing, except to use the restroom or in an emergency situation. Please do not request an early dismissal for your child during a testing session. We will be testing up until 1pm and longer per individual needs.

More information about the **Standards of Learning** and your child's testing schedule are available at EMS and through <http://henricoschools.us/testing/>. If you have questions about the federal, state or division assessment policies, please contact Cathy Durvin, [chdurvin@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:chdurvin@henrico.k12.va.us). If you have questions related to your school's testing processes and options, please contact Melissa Burnett, our school test coordinator at 804.328.4110.

Sincerely,

Dominique Friend  
Principal

On Reverse: EMS Calendar At-A-Glance (May 13 - June 14, 2019)

## EMS SOL Testing Plan 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 14</b> Math 6, Civics and World History I testing Blocks 5, 6, 7, 8	<b>May 15</b> Make Up Testing	<b>May 16</b> Reading 7 and Reading 8 Testing Blocks 8, 7, 6, 5	<b>May 17</b> Make Up Testing
<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 21</b> Reading 6, Science 8, and Earth Science testing Blocks 3, 4, 2, 1	<b>May 22</b> Make Up Testing	<b>May 23</b> Math 7, Math 8, Algebra I and Geometry testing Blocks 2, 1, 3, 4	<b>May 24</b> Make Up Testing
<b>May 27</b>  Memorial Day Holiday	<b>May 28</b> Expedited Retake Remediation Math 6, Civics and WHI	<b>May 29</b> Expedited Retake Math 6, Civics, WHI	<b>May 30</b> Expedited Retake Remediation Reading 7 and 8	<b>May 31</b> Expedited Retakes Reading 7 and 8
<b>June 3</b> Expedited Retake Remediation Reading 6, Science 8, Earth Science	<b>June 4</b> Expedited Retake Reading 6, Science 8, Earth Science	<b>June 5</b> Expedited Retake Remediation Math 7, Math 8, Algebra and Geometry	<b>June 6</b> Expedited Retake Math 7, Math 8, Algebra and Geometry	<b>June 7</b>
<b>June 10</b>  6th Grade Field Trip	<b>June 11</b> Student Holiday	<b>June 12</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	<b>June 13</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	<b>June 14</b> All Periods Meet  Dismissal: Approx. 12:10p

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Dear EMS Families,

As you know, our Eagles will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests this month. We know they will do an amazing job! Our students and teachers work diligently all year to prepare, they come with fantastic attitudes, and always take the tests seriously. While receiving a passing, proficient, or advanced score on the SOL is a wonderful reward for hard work, we would also like to acknowledge our students' diligence by doing the following:

-For **all core academic courses with an SOL test** (see list below), every student who PASSES the SOL will earn a grade titled "SOL Participation" in the Test category for Quarter 4.

- 95% test grade for "Pass Proficient",
- 100% test grade for "Pass Advanced", and
- 105% test grade for a 600 Score, which is the highest score possible.
- If the student does not pass the SOL, then the grade will be "excused" and neither increase nor decrease the student's marking period average.
- *This is a win-win opportunity which could **significantly benefit** any student who would like to raise his/her Q4 grade.*
- Students who do not pass their specific SOL (scoring between 375-399) may take an "Expedited Retake" of the SOL after a brief remediation period (parents/guardians will be contacted individually).

**Core Academic Courses with an SOL Test:**

English – Grade 6, 7, & 8: Reading SOL

Accelerated Social Studies (Grade 7) and Civics & Economics (Grade 8): Civics & Economics SOL

Advanced Science (Grade 7) and Physical Science (Grade 8): Physical Science SOL

Math – Grade 6, 7, & 8: Math SOL

-For **all high school credit core academic courses with an SOL End-of-Course Test** (see list on reverse side), we will follow the high school model, which is as follows:

- A student who passes the SOL End-of-Course Test has the *option to be exempt from taking a final exam* and to use their SOL "correlated grade" as the exam grade. The "correlated grade" is determined by the chart on the reverse side.
- A student may *elect to take the final exam* in the course and then select the higher of the two scores to count as the final exam grade.
- Students who do not pass the SOL End-of-Course Test **MUST** take the final exam **AND** will also take an "Expedited Retake" (if the score is within a specific range) of the SOL after a brief remediation period.
- Please remember, in high school credit courses, the exam grade is 10% of the semester average.

**High School Credit Core Academic Courses with an SOL End-of-Course Test:**

Algebra 1

Earth Science

Geometry

World History 1

<u>SOL Score</u>	<u>Final Exam Grade</u>
600	100
576-599	98
551-575	95
526-550	93
500-525	90
491-499	89
481-490	87
471-480	85
461-470	83
451-460	80
441-450	79
431-440	77
421-430	75
411-420	73
400-410	70
375-399	Not passing; no correlated grade; must take final exam and SOL expedited retake
Below 375	Not passing; no correlated grade; must take final exam

Parents and Guardians, thank you for helping your child prepare by **getting plenty of rest** and by **restarting his/her laptop each evening**. Students should arrive at school by 8:25 A.M. with a **fully charged laptop** ready to highlight all they have learned this year! If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact your child's school counselor at 804.328.4111. Best wishes for a great SOL testing experience!

Sincerely,

Dominique Friend  
Principal