

1 **EXPEDITED RETAKING SOL ASSESSMENTS REGULATIONS**
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3 Students in grades kindergarten through 8 are not required to retake Virginia Assessment
4 Program tests unless they are retained in a grade and have not previously passed the or as
5 permitted by the Virginia Board of Education.
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7 In accordance with the Virginia Board of Education guidance, students in high school are
8 required to retake end-of-course SOL assessments if

- 9 ● they have previously failed the course and the SOL assessment and are re-enrolled in
10 the course, or
- 11 ● the student needs to pass the SOL assessment to earn verified credit for graduation.

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13 **Eligibility Criteria for Students Expedited Retaking SOL Assessments**
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15 Students who meet criteria adopted by the Virginia Board of Education have the opportunity
16 for an expedited retake of a failed SOL assessment.
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18 Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) will offer expedited “retakes” to students who failed
19 the grades 3-8 and end-of-course SOL reading, mathematics, science, and history assessments
20 if they meet the following criteria:
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- 22 1. The student passed the course associated with the assessment, and
- 23 2. The student meets one of the following:
 - 24 ● Failed the assessment by a narrow margin; or
 - 25 ● Failed the assessment by any margin and have extenuating circumstances that
 - 26 would warrant retesting; or
 - 27 ● Did not sit for the regularly scheduled assessment for legitimate reasons.

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29 For purposes of these criteria, “narrow margin” means a scaled score of 375-399.
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31 The Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee determines what constitutes “extenuating
32 circumstances” and “legitimate reasons” for purposes of establishing eligibility for an expedited
33 retake of an end-of-course SOL assessment.
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35 **Parental Notification**
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37 The following conditions apply for students who meet the criteria for an expedited retake of the
38 grade 3-8 SOL assessments:
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- 40 1. Parents/legal guardians of students will be notified:
 - 41 ● of the opportunity to retake the assessment(s);
 - 42 ● that a decision not to retake any or all of the assessment(s) will not impact their
 - 43 child’s grade or academic record; and
 - 44 ● of the opt-in requirement.
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- 46 2. Prior to any additional testing, ACPS will obtain and thereafter maintain for a reasonable
47 period of time documentation of affirmative parental/legal guardian consent and

48 permission for their child to take an expedited retake.

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51 Adopted: New

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54 Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:3.

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56 8VAC 20-131-30 et seq.

57 8VAC 20-131-110 et seq.

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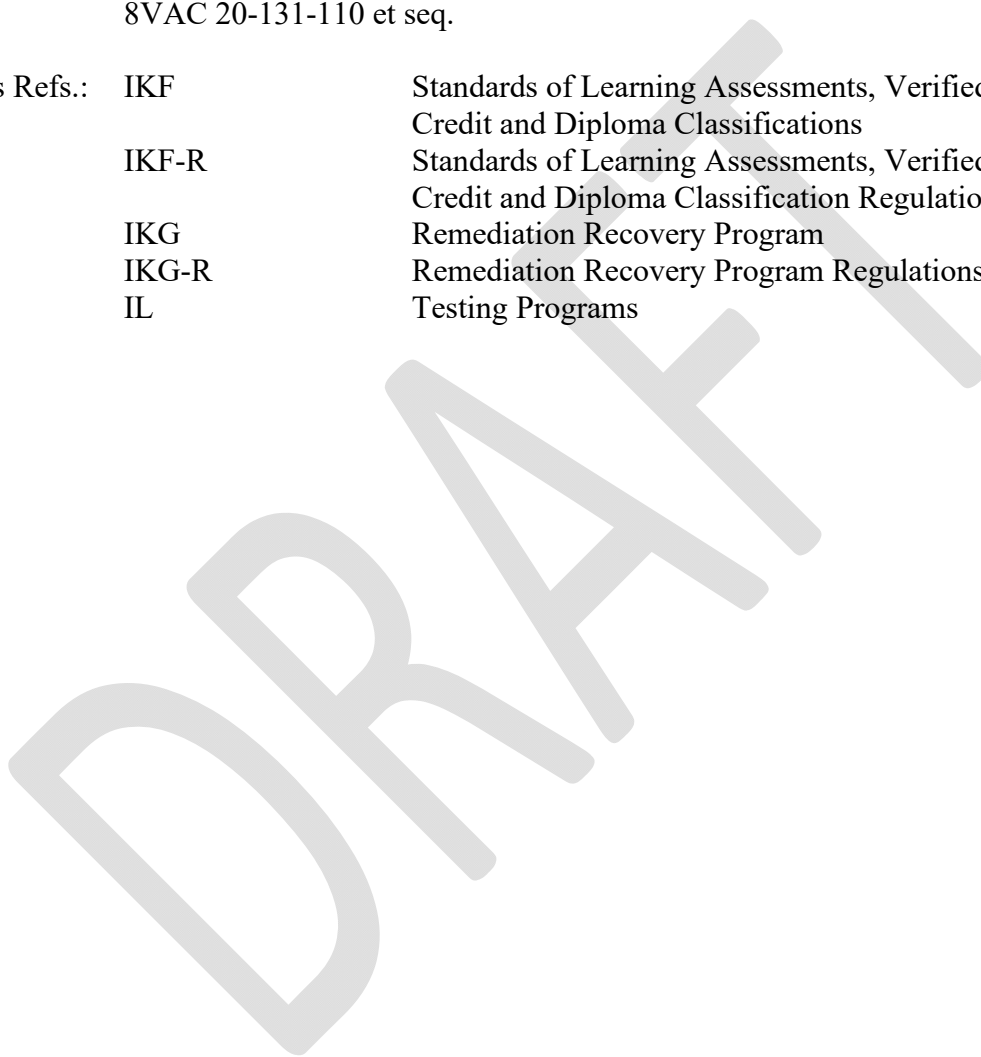
59 Cross Refs.: IKF Standards of Learning Assessments, Verified Units of
60 Credit and Diploma Classifications

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65 IL Testing Programs



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- ~~unless~~ they have previously failed the course and the SOL assessment and are re-enrolled in the course, or
- the student needs to pass the SOL assessment to earn verified credit for graduation. ~~The Virginia Board of Education will provide opportunities for s~~

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Eligibility Criteria for Students Expedited Retaking SOL Assessments

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Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) will offer expedited “retakes” to students who failed ~~of~~ the grades 3-8 and end-of-course SOL reading, mathematics, science, and history assessments if they ~~to students who~~ meet the following criteria:

1. The student Have passed the course associated with the assessment, and
2. The student meets oOne of the following:
 - Failed the assessment by a narrow margin; or
 - Failed the assessment by any margin and have extenuating circumstances that would warrant retesting; or
 - Did not sit for the regularly scheduled assessment for legitimate reasons.

For purposes of these criteria, “narrow margin” means a scaled score of 375-399.

The Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee ~~will be responsible for making the determination of determines~~ what constitutes “extenuating circumstances” and “legitimate reasons” for purposes of establishing eligibility for an expedited ~~retakeretest~~ of an end-of-course SOL assessment.

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 - of the opportunity to retake the assessment(s);
 - that a decision not to retake any or all of the assessment(s) will not impact their child’s grade or academic record; and
 - of the opt-in requirement.

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50 period of time documentation of affirmative parental/legal guardian consent and
51 permission for their child to take an expedited retake.
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