



TESTING PROGRAMS

A program of standardized testing prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is administered annually. Standardized tests are administered according to state and local directives. Teachers, parents, principals, and other school leaders are provided with their students' results on any Standards of Learning assessment or Virginia Alternative Assessment Program as soon as practicable after the assessment is administered.

In addition to the VDOE prescribed testing program, division and/or school personnel may test to meet specific needs within a school. This testing should be submitted to the Superintendent for approval.

In administering tests or other assessment instruments, Alexandria City School Board employees do not require any public ~~elementary school~~ students being tested to disclose ~~his/her~~ their race or ethnicity on such tests. School division personnel, however, may obtain such information from a student's permanent record, and no other source, and place the information on the test or assessment.

No student or parent/guardian is required to disclose information related to the student's race or ethnicity unless (i) the student or parent/guardian is given an option to designate "other" for the student's race or ethnicity or (ii) such disclosure is required by federal law.

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- Amended: July 10, 1997
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Cross Ref.: JO Student Records

**Commented [1]:** Per the 2023 amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:3 by HB 2225/SB 1253.

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**Commented [2]:** This is from ACPS, the rest is the VSBA model policy.

**Commented [3]:** This seems contradictory.. is this statutory?

**Commented [4]:** yes; § 22.1-4.2.

**Commented [5]:** § 22.1-4.2 has been amended since this policy was last revised. It now includes this requirement.

**Commented [6]:** Moved up and reworded to improve readability.