

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.
- 45       2. Prior to any additional testing, ACPS will obtain and thereafter maintain for a reasonable  
46       period of time documentation of affirmative parental/legal guardian consent and  
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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

61 IKF-R Standards of Learning Assessments, Verified Units of  
62 Credit and Diploma Classification Regulations

63 IKG Remediation Recovery Program

64 IKG-R Remediation Recovery Program Regulations

65 IL Testing Programs

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In accordance with the Virginia Board of Education guidance, ~~s~~Students in high school are ~~not~~ required to retake end-of-course SOL assessments if

- ~~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**

Students who meet criteria adopted by the Virginia Board of Education have the opportunity for an expedited retake of a failed SOL assessment.

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.

**Parental Notification**

~~In addition, t~~The following conditions apply for students who meet the criteria for an expedited retake of the taking grade 3-8 SOL assessments:

1. Parents/legal guardians of students ~~will shall~~ be notified:
  - 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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51 permission for their child to take an expedited retake.  
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