

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Name of Assessment	Required, Mandated, or Optional	Who Takes It?	What is it and why is it important?	How are results used?
Growth Measures				
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Required by the Division	Students in grades K-5	Computer adaptive interim assessment for each student's learning level in reading, language usage, and mathematics. Tests are grade independent. Scoring is on a nationally normed scale and shows growth over time.	MAP creates and reinforces evidence - based instructional practices such as a differential instruction.
Progress Monitoring				
AIMSWEB	Required by the Division	Students in Child Study Students who are identified in the lowest 5% in academic performance per class.	AIMS Web data provides teachers with quick and reliable probes that accurately measure a student's academic performance. Teachers can use the data to progress monitor students to see trends, weaknesses, and strengths. The data is used to guide instruction (remediation) and grouping for DI. Additionally teachers use it as a tool for child study.	Helps instructional staff identify at risk students in the school and focus on specific instructional needs for intensity of instruction is relevant to student needs.
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS				
Writing Prompts	Required by the Division	Students in grades K-5	The writing test is a response to a prompt and it helps to show growth as the year progresses.	Results inform group and individual writing instruction for the school year.
Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)	Required by the Division	Students in grades K-5	Developmental Spelling Analysis is given to determine a student's stage of spelling development. Once the stage of spelling development is determined, teachers can plan responsive word study instruction.	Results allow teachers to individualize spelling needs for students

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ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)	State Mandated	Students in grades K-3	PALS allows teachers to view data that reflects students' alphabet and sound recognition, concept of word, fluency, comprehension, spelling, word lists (sight words), and instructional reading level. The data then allows the teachers to differentiate reading, word study, and it gives teachers a measure of growth (Fall and Spring Assessments)	Results are used to provide small group PALS instruction for 30 minutes per day in group of five or less for all students who qualify, utilizing PALS benchmarks.
Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)	Required by the Division	Students in grades 3 and 5	The SRI is multiple choice, computer- adaptive reading comprehension assessment, developed in partnership with Meta Metrics, Inc. which reports student reading levels using the Lexile measurement format. The SRI uses authentic passages of literature and non-fiction texts for its selections. The Lexile reported from the SRI provide information within band ranges related to their students' reading growth.	SRI is used to determine placement of students into the Read 180 or System 44 program.

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Standards of Learning (SOL)	State Mandated	Students in grades 3-5	The SOL tests are the state mandated assessments that measure mastery of the Virginia Standards of Learning. Grade 3: Math & Reading Grade 4: Math & Reading, VA Studies Grade 5: Math, Reading, Science, & VA Studies	The results of SOL tests are used for state accreditation and compliance with ESSA. Individual student results are used as one measure to make educational decisions. Summary results are used a measure to guide school improvement actions.
Alternative Assessment (SOL)	State Mandated	Students in grades 3 and 5	The SOL Alternative Assessments are assessments that measure mastery of Virginia Standards of Learning using a performance task. Alternative Assessments allow students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.	Results are used as a summative assessment for the skills taught.

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GIFTED TESTING				
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	Required by the division	Students in grade 2	The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is a group-administered K-12 assessment intended to estimate students' learned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a battery of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal test items.	Results of the CogAT are used for gifted program screening for all students. Results of the CogAT are one component of the profile used for students being referred for gifted program services.
ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs)				
WIDA Access for ELLs 2.0	State Mandated	English Learner Students	Access for ELLs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This data allows students to receive appropriate assistance in the four language domains.	Data is used to develop individualized plans for EL students and provide them appropriate instructional supports.
College, Career, and Citizenship Readiness				
Cornerstone Performance Tasks	Required by the Division	Students in grades K-5	A performance task is any learning activity or assessment that asks students to perform to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding, and proficiency. Performance tasks yield a tangible product and/or performance that serve as evidence of learning.	Results are used as a summative assessment for the skills taught.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Name of Assessment	Required, Mandated, or Optional	Who Takes It?	What is it and why is it important?	How are results used?
Growth Measures				
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Required by the Division	Students in grades 6-8	Computer adaptive interim assessment for each student's learning level in reading, language usage, and mathematics. Tests are grade independent. Scoring is on a nationally normed scale and shows growth over time.	MAP creates and reinforces evidence - based instructional practices such as a differential instruction.
ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs)				
WIDA Access for ELs 2.0	State Mandated	English Learner Students	Access for ELs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This data allows students to receive appropriate assistance in the four language domains.	Data is used to develop individualized plans for EL students and provide them appropriate instructional supports.
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS				
Writing Prompts	Required by the Division	Students in grades 6-8	The writing test is a response to a prompt and it helps to show growth as the year progresses.	Results inform group and individual writing instruction for the school year.
Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)	Required by the Division	Students in grade 8	The SRI is multiple choice, computer-adaptive reading comprehension assessment, developed in partnership with Meta Metrics, Inc. which reports student reading levels using the Lexile measurement format. The SRI uses authentic passages of literature and non-fiction texts for its selections. The Lexile reported from the SRI provide information within band ranges related to their students' reading growth.	SRI is used to determine placement of students into the Read 180 or System 44 program.

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College, Career, and Citizenship Readiness

<p>Cornerstone Performance Task</p>	<p>Required by the Division</p>	<p>Students in grades 6-8</p>	<p>A performance task is any learning activity or assessment that asks students to perform to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding, and proficiency. Performance task yield a tangible product and/or performance that serve as evidence of learning. *Alternative to SOL test (6th and 7th)</p>	<p>Results are used as a summative assessment for the skills taught.</p>
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STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

<p>Standards of Learning (SOL)</p>	<p>State Mandated</p>	<p>Students in grades 6-8</p>	<p>The SOL tests are the state mandated assessments that measure mastery of the Virginia Standards of Learning. Grade 6: Math & Reading Grade 7: Math & Reading Grade 8: Math, Reading, Science, & Social Studies, Writing</p>	<p>The results of SOL tests are used for state accreditation and compliance with No Child Left Behind. Individual student results are used as one measure to make educational decisions. Summary results are used a measure to guide school improvement actions.</p>
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HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

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Growth Measures				
Released Tests (Pre/Post Test) Interactive Achievement	Required by the Division	Students in grades 9-12	Short tests administered throughout the school year that give teachers immediate feedback on how students are meeting academic standards.	Results help to inform teachers of individual and group instructional decisions.
ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs)				
WIDA Access for ELLs 2.0	State Mandated	English Learner Students	Access for ELs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This data allows students to receive appropriate assistance in the four language domains.	Data is used to develop individualized plans for EL students and provide them appropriate instructional supports.
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS				
Writing Prompts	Required by the Division	Students in grades 9 and 10	The writing test is a response to a prompt and it helps to show growth as the year progresses.	Results inform group and individual writing instruction for the school year.
NATIONALLY NORMED				
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	Required by the Division	Students in grade 10	The PSAT/NMSQT (or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a preliminary version of the SAT. Not only does the PSAT help prepare students to take the SAT or ACT, a great score on the PSAT can also open the door to National Merit Scholarships and other awards.	Introduction to the actual SAT that students must take to enter college.

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PLACEMENT TEST				
Virginia Placement Test (VPT)	Required by the Division	Students in grade 10	The Virginia Placement Test is a free, two-part assessment of English and math skill levels. The placement test is designed to assess new college students for their readiness to be successful in college coursework.	Determines community college readiness.
College, Career, and Citizenship Readiness				
Cornerstone Performance Task	Required by the Division	Students in grades 9-12	A performance task is any learning activity or assessment that asks students to perform to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding, and proficiency. Performance task yield a tangible product and/or performance that serve as evidence of learning.	Results are used as a summative assessment for the skills taught.
STATE ACCOUNTABILITY				
Standards of Learning (SOL)	State Mandated	Students in grades 9-12	The SOL tests are the state mandated assessments that measure mastery of the Virginia Standards of Learning.	The results of SOL tests are used for state accreditation and compliance with No Child Left Behind. Individual student results are used as one measure to make educational decisions. Graduation requirements.

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. If you would like to receive information about this topic, please contact Mike Minter, Director of Secondary Instruction and Student Assessment, either by phone at (276) 634-4761, or in writing at P. O. Box 8958, Collinsville, VA 24078.