

## RETAKING SOL ASSESSMENTS

1. The following criteria are used in determining the eligibility of students for an expedited retake of a SOL test for grades 3-8 or an end-of-course SOL test administered to meet federal accountability requirements.

The student must have a passing grade in the class associated with the test and one of the following:

- The student failed the test by a narrow margin as defined as a scaled score of 375-399, or
  - The student failed the test with a scaled score below 375 and
    - had a documented extenuating circumstance that prevented the student from performing at the expected level and/or
    - there was a significant discrepancy between the student's SOL test score and the student's typical academic performance.
2. Extenuating circumstances is defined as an unusual and uncontrollable event that negatively impacted a student's test performance. Examples of extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the recent death of a family member, friend, or pet; a traumatic home situation, or other significant personal distress or disruption that does not qualify for irregularity retesting.
3. A request to retake a SOL test for grades 3-8 due to extenuating circumstances must be approved by the principal of the school after consultation with the Director of Student Services and Achievement. Documentation of the unusual circumstances experienced for each student retested under the extenuating circumstances provision and evidence of the student's typical academic achievement for those retesting under the significant achievement discrepancy provision is maintained. The documentation is subject to periodic review by Virginia Department of Education staff on behalf of the Board of Education.
4. Students in grades 3-8 will only be required to retake failed SOL tests when the students have also been retained in the grade.

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

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Cross References:   IKF            The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation  
  Requirements  
                          IKG            Remediation Recovery Program  
                          IL             Testing Programs