

The Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) evaluates the academic performance of students with significant cognitive disabilities. Testing is conducted online, on paper, or through a hybrid of both formats depending on the subject and grade level.

Standard Assessments

- Reading & Mathematics: Administered annually in grades 3–8, plus once in high school.
- Science: Administered once in elementary, once in middle school, and once in high school.

Collection of Evidence (History & Writing)

For history and writing, student performance is assessed using a Collection of Evidence—a portfolio of work samples covering each reporting category defined by the Virginia Essentialized Standards of Learning (VESOL).

- Grade 4: Collection of evidence for History.
- Grade 5: Writing
- Grade 8: Collection of evidence for History and Writing.

PERMISSIVE LOCAL ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Students enrolled in End-of-Course (EOC) history classes complete a series of performance-based assessments instead of taking a traditional Standards of Learning (SOL) test.

At the end of the school year, a three-member committee reviews each student's portfolio of work to evaluate their performance and determine whether to award a verified credit toward graduation.



DIVISION TESTING



ACCESS OR ALTERNATIVE ACCESS

Multilingual students classified as English Learners (EL) participate in annual testing to monitor their English language development across four key domains: reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

- Assessment Tools: Depending on student needs, proficiency is measured using either the WIDA ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS assessment.
- Testing Schedule: Administered once per year during the second semester.
- Delivery Format:
 - Kindergarten & Grade 1: Administered on paper.
 - Grades 2–12: Administered online.

PSAT AND SAT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

PSAT (Grade 10):

- Timing: Administered in the fall.
- Registration & Cost: CCPS automatically registers tenth-grade students and fully funds this initiative.

SAT (Grades 11 & 12):

- Timing: Administered during the school day in the spring.
- Registration & Cost: Students must register and pay testing fees directly through the College Board.



WRITING

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ACCESS

VIRGINIA LANGUAGE & LITERACY SCREENER

Under the Virginia Literacy Act, the revised Virginia Language & Literacy Screener System (VALLSS) measures reading readiness for early learners and identifies older students who need targeted literacy support.

- Preschool & Primary Grades: All students are screened three times a year—in the fall, winter, and spring.
- Grades 4–8: Screening is required only for students who failed their previous Reading SOL test. These students are screened twice a year—in the fall and winter.

VIRGINIA KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

The Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) serves as the companion assessment to literacy screeners for preschool and kindergarten students. Administered twice a year—in the fall and spring—it consists of two complementary components:

- Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS): Measures mathematical reasoning and foundational skills.
- Child Behavior Rating Scale (CBRS): A teacher checklist evaluating self-regulation and social-emotional skills.

