

## SOL Testing Expedited Retake Notification

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'm writing to inform you of a Virginia legislation that permits school divisions to provide students in grades three through eight with an opportunity to retake a reading, mathematics, science or history SOL tests they fail by a small margin. In order to be eligible to retake an SOL test, the school must receive permission from students' parents or guardians and the following conditions must be met:

- A student must be passing the class associated with the test, and;
- Failed the test with a score between 375 to 399 (400 and above is passing), or;
- Failed the test by any margin and have extenuating circumstances and receive approval by the Division Superintendent.

Students that meet the conditions noted above will receive one opportunity to retake a failed SOL test prior to the end of the school year. Students whose parents grant permission for them to retake an SOL test will receive instructional assistance from their schools in preparing for the retake in order to enhance their chance for success.

In deciding whether to grant permission or not for your child to retake an SOL, please consider that retaking a test provides students with an opportunity to building confidence by demonstrating their knowledge of the subject matter they've been taught throughout the year. In addition, SOL retakes can assist school staff in determining a student's academic strengths and needs, helping prepare students to improve their performance on future exams/tests, and helping schools meet state accreditation standards. Should you decide not to grant permission for your child to retake SOL tests; it will not impact their class grade, grade promotion, or academic record in any way.

Please indicate below how you would like us to proceed should your child be eligible for SOL retakes this spring. After completing the following form, **please return it to your child's school no later than April 28, 2017**. Should you have any questions, please contact a school administrator.

Sincerely,

School Principal

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Yes, I want my child to retake eligible SOL tests (scores of 375 to 399) as checked below:

Reading     Math     Science     History

No, I do not want my child to retake any failed SOL tests.

Your child's full name:

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date