



April 15, 2021

Good Afternoon 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Students in Grade 8 will take Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments in writing, math, reading, science and social studies on designated Wednesdays in April and May. Students will only attend school in person on Wednesdays if they have an SOL assessment to complete.

Students will not attend live Google Meet classes for electives on the Wednesdays their grade level is scheduled to take an SOL. There are no changes to the schedule for live Google Meet electives on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays. For 8th grade students, this means there are **no live elective classes on the following Wednesdays: April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, or May 26**. We will resume our normal Wednesday elective schedule on June 2, 2021.

The rest of this email only applies to students who will be taking SOL assessments this year (this does *not* apply to students taking the Virginia Remote Student Progress Tests (VRSPT), as those tests are taken virtually at home).

Testing will begin each morning at 7:20am at Poquoson High School. Students have the length of the school day to complete the assessment as it is untimed. Breakfast and a grab-and-go lunch will be available for students on these testing days.

April 21	Grade 8 Writing (multiple choice)
April 28	Grade 8 Writing (short paper)
May 5	Grade 8 Civics
May 12	Grade 8 Science
May 19	Pre-Algebra 8, Algebra I, Geometry Honors
May 26	Reading 8

For students who qualify, expedited retakes will be given on Wednesday June 9, 2021. More information about expedited retakes will be shared with families in May.

PCPS will provide transportation for students who need it on each Wednesday in which your student has an SOL assessment to complete. However, it is important that we know who needs transportation to and from school on these two dates.

We are asking ALL parents of students in 8th grade who are taking an SOL assessment this May to complete [THIS FORM](#) for each 8th grade student in your household by Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Families who request PCPS transportation will receive specific information prior to Wednesday, May 5. *Continued on the next page.*

Additionally, an email was previously sent to parents with important information related to SOL assessments this year, including details about the Parent Refusal for SOL Assessments due to concerns related to COVID-19. If you have not had the chance to review that information, we encourage you to do so now. That email can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions related to SOL testing, please contact Poquoson Middle School at (757) 868-6031.

Respectfully,

Melissa Bunting

Principal