

Good afternoon PCPS families,

Poquoson City Public Schools will be administering the Writing SOL to students enrolled in Grade 8 English or Grade 11 English on March 8 and March 9, 2022. Because of this test administration, and due to space limitations and shared staffing caused by the middle school renovation, March 8 and 9 will be asynchronous learning days for Poquoson High School students this school year.

GRADES PK - 7th

Students in Prekindergarten - 7th grade will attend school as normal on March 8 and March 9. There will be no changes to instructional schedules or transportation schedules for students in Prekindergarten - 7th grade.

STUDENTS IN GRADE 8 ENGLISH OR GRADE 11 ENGLISH

Students taking the Writing SOL will arrive at Poquoson High School at normal arrival time (7:20 am) for the Writing SOL test on March 8 **and** March 9. The information below will provide specific details for students taking the Writing SOL.

STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 - 12

Students in 9th - 12th grade who are **not** taking the Writing SOL will have asynchronous assignments to complete from home. Students should log into Canvas on March 8 and March 9 to access assignments. Students will be marked as "Present Virtual" if they log into Canvas and engage with the instruction. Students in grades 9 - 12 who are not taking the Writing SOL will not attend in person on March 8 or 9, and will return to in-person instruction on Thursday, March 10.

**Students who participate in regional programs, such as New Horizons or Aviation Academy, will attend according to the schedule of those programs.*

The remainder of this email only applies to students taking the Writing SOL:

The Writing SOL assessment contains two sections. Students must complete both sections of the assessment.

Tuesday, March 8 - Multiple Choice Section - Students respond to multiple choice questions to assess their knowledge related to the mechanics and grammar of writing.

Wednesday, March 9 - Short Paper Section - Students are provided a topic question, called a prompt, to which they respond with a written response.

High School students will only attend school in person on these two dates if they are taking the Writing SOL assessment. 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.

PCPS will provide transportation for students taking the Writing SOL on March 8 and March 9. However, it is important that we know who needs transportation after the test on these two dates. We are asking parents of students who will need transportation after the Writing SOL to complete [THIS FORM](#) by Friday, February 25, 2022. Families who do not indicate that their student will be riding a bus on this form will be responsible for providing their own transportation these days. More information will be forwarded to families who need transportation prior to Tuesday, March 8.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's school.