



To comply with the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, annual Standards of Learning tests in reading and mathematics will be administered to students in grades 3-8. Based on the current remediation recovery guidelines, students who fail a reading or mathematics test in grades 3 or 5 and participate in a remediation recovery program would retake the failed test as well as taking the reading and mathematics tests for grade 4 or grade 6.

**Summary of Major Elements:**

The Board of Education is asked to adopt revisions to the *Guidelines Governing Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* to 1) avoid double testing for students participating in remediation recovery programs and 2) clarify the inclusion of scores of students participating in remediation recovery in the pass rates used for accrediting schools. The proposed revisions, which are included in the attachment, would be in effect for the 2005-2006 school year only. A complete revision to the guidelines will be required once the revisions to the *Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* are approved by the Board.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education adopt the proposal.

**Impact on Resources:**

The impact on resources is not expected to be significant.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**

N/A