

# The Future of Virginia's Assessment Program: Testing in a Digital Age

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# Guiding Principles

- All SOL tests developed with online as primary delivery mode by 2012-2013
- Include some innovative items in addition to multiple-choice
- Innovative items to be primarily computer- scored

# Schedule for Implementation of Tests Measuring Revised SOL

- **History in 2010-2011**
- **Mathematics in 2011-2012**
  - **Innovative items in online tests for grades 6,7,8 and end-of-course**
  - **Practice test provided with example of new item types**



# **Schedule for Implementation of Tests Measuring Revised SOL**

- **Science and English in 2012-2013**
- **Developed with online as the primary mode of delivery; paper only for students with a “documented” need**
- **Some innovative items in all tests**
- **Writing test administered online**

# Examples of Innovative Items Demonstrated

# Future of Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA)

- **Work-sample based, on-grade level assessment for students with disabilities and certain limited English proficient students**
- **Intent is to phase out VGLA for students with disabilities once test for students pursuing modified achievement standards is implemented (HB 304)**
- **Will still need a similar assessment for a small number of students who CANNOT take a multiple-choice test**

# Virginia Modified Achievement Standard Test (VMAST)

- Intended for students with disabilities who are learning grade level content but who are not expected to achieve proficiency at same rate as non-disabled peers
- Grant from USED to investigate a process for developing
- Supports and simplifications recommended by VA educators added to existing grade 8 online reading and mathematics items

# Virginia Modified Achievement Standard Test (VMAST)

- Field testing in spring 2010
- No firm schedule for implementation yet
- Ideal situation would be to implement VMAST in grades 3-8, Algebra I, and end-of-course reading in conjunction with new SOL tests
  - Math in 2011-2012
  - Reading in 2012-2013