



**Summary of Major Elements:**

Information about the range of cut scores recommended by the committees for the achievement levels of pass/proficient and pass/advanced for the Grade 3, Virginia Studies, U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History: 1865 to the Present, and Civics and Economics SOL tests will be presented to the Board. The Board is asked to review this information and to adopt "cut" scores for the Grade 3, Virginia Studies, U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History: 1865 to the Present, and Civics and Economics SOL tests that represent the achievement levels of pass/proficient and pass/advanced.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education adopt cut scores representing the achievement levels of pass/proficient and pass/advanced for the Grade 3, Virginia Studies, U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History: 1865 to the Present, and Civics and Economics SOL tests as follows.

- Grade 3: 23 for pass/proficient and 35 for pass/advanced as recommended by the Articulation Committee
- Virginia Studies: 21 for pass/proficient and 32 for pass/advanced as recommended by the Articulation Committee
- U.S. History to 1865: 22 for pass/proficient and 34 for pass/advanced as recommended by the Articulation Committee
- U.S. History: 1865 to the Present: 22 for pass/proficient and 34 for pass/advanced as recommended by the Articulation Committee
- Civics and Economics: 21 for pass/proficient as recommended by the Articulation Committee and 34 for pass/advanced based on the rounded results of the Round 3 results of the standard setting committee

**Impact on Resources:**

N/A

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**

Upon approval by the Board of Education, this information will be disseminated to the school divisions via a Superintendent's Memorandum.

## Summary and Background Information on Proposed Cut Scores for Grade 3 and Content Specific History Tests Based on 2008 Standards of Learning

	Pass/Proficient				Pass/Advanced		
	Background Information		Standard Setting Summary		Background Information	Standard Setting Summary	
Test Name *	Pass/Proficient Cut Score for Previous History Test**	Pass/Proficient Cut Score for New Test to Maintain Previous Level of Rigor	Round 3 Median for Proficient	Articulation Committee Recommendation	Pass/Advanced Cut Score for Previous Test**	Round 3 Median for Advanced	Articulation Committee Recommendation
Grade 3 History	27	18 (-9)	22	23	35	35	35
Virginia Studies	25	19 (-6)	20	21	35	32	32
US History I	25	26 (+1)	18	22	36	33	34
US History II	23	18 (-5)	22	22	34	36	34
Civics & Economics	21	21 ( 0 )	21	21	34	33.5	33

\* All tests have 40 items

\*\* Test based on the 2001 History Standards of Learning