

VMAST

Virginia **M**odified **A**chievement **S**tandards **T**est

Test Blueprint

Grade 5 Reading

**Virginia Modified Achievement
Standards Test Based on the
2010 English Standards of Learning**

**This test blueprint will be effective with the administration
of the 2012-2013 English Virginia Modified Achievement
Standards Tests (VMAST).**

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Grade 5 Reading Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test Test Blueprint

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General Test Information

Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test Background Information

The Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test (VMAST) is an online grade level alternate assessment based on modified achievement standards designed for eligible students with disabilities. Students participating in the VMAST are expected to learn the Standards of Learning (SOL) objectives for grade level content; however, they may require additional time and a variety of instructional and assessment supports. The achievement expectations are modified, and rigor is reduced by including supports and simplifications that allow participating students to access and demonstrate knowledge of grade level content.

Test Blueprint

Much like the blueprint for a building, a test blueprint serves as a guide for test construction. The blueprint indicates the content areas that will be addressed by the test and the number of items that will be included by content area and for the test as a whole. The VMAST blueprint is based on the SOL test blueprint but includes 20% fewer items.

Reporting Categories

The Grade 5 Reading VMAST covers the Standards of Learning in the reading strand of the Grade 5 English SOL. In the test blueprint, the SOL are grouped into categories that address related content and skills. These categories are labeled as reporting categories. For example, a reporting category for the Grade 5 Reading Standards of Learning test is *Use word analysis strategies and word reference materials*. Each of the SOL in this reporting category addresses skills using word analysis strategies or word reference materials. When the results of the VMAST are reported, the scores will be presented for each reporting category and as a total test score. The VMAST blueprint includes the same reporting categories as the SOL test, but there are 20% fewer items in each reporting category.

Assignment of Standards of Learning to Reporting Categories

In the Grade 5 Reading VMAST, each Standard of Learning is assigned to only one reporting category. For example, SOL 5.5i is assigned to *Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts*.

Standards of Learning Excluded from Testing

In some content areas, there are SOL that do not lend themselves to assessment within the current format of the VMAST. The SOL not tested are listed as *Excluded from Testing* at the end of the blueprint for each test.

Coverage of Standards of Learning

Due to the large number of SOL in each grade level content area, *every* Standard of Learning will not be assessed on every version (form) of a VMAST. By necessity, to keep the length of a test reasonable, each version will sample from the SOL within a reporting category.

Use of the Curriculum Framework

The English Standards of Learning, amplified by the Curriculum Framework, define the essential understandings, knowledge, and skills that are measured by the VMAST. The Curriculum Framework asks essential questions, identifies essential understandings, defines essential content knowledge, and describes essential skills students need to master.

Reading Selections

All reading material will be appropriate for fifth-grade students in terms of interest, experiences, length and reading level, as determined by the Content Review Committee. Selections will be similar in format to excerpts from trade books, content textbooks, or children's magazines.

VMAST Grade 5 Reading Test Blueprint Summary Table

Reporting Category	Grade 5 Reading Standards of Learning	Number of Items
Use word analysis strategies and word reference materials	5.4 a-e, g	7
Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts	5.5 b-c, e-k	12
Demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts	5.6 a, c-j	13
Excluded from Testing	5.4f 5.5a, d, l-m 5.6 b, k-m	
Number of Operational Items		32
Number of Field Test Items*		8
Total Number of Items on Test		40

*Field test items are being tried out with students for potential use on subsequent tests and will not be used to compute students' scores on the test.

VMAST Grade 5 Reading Expanded Test Blueprint

Reporting Category: Use word analysis strategies and word reference materials

Number of Items: 7

Standards of Learning:

- 5.4 The student will expand vocabulary when reading.
- a) Use context to clarify meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases.
 - b) Use context and sentence structure to determine meanings and differentiate among multiple meanings of words.
 - c) Use knowledge of roots, affixes, synonyms, antonyms, and homophones.
 - d) Identify an author's use of figurative language.
 - e) Use dictionary, glossary, thesaurus, and other word-reference materials.
 - g) Study word meanings across content areas.

Reporting Category: Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts

Number of Items: 12

Standards of Learning:

- 5.5 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts, narrative nonfiction, and poetry.
- b) Describe character development.
 - c) Describe the development of plot and explain the resolution of conflict(s).
 - e) Describe how an author's choice of vocabulary contributes to the author's style.
 - f) Identify and ask questions that clarify various points of view.
 - g) Identify main idea.
 - h) Summarize supporting details from text.
 - i) Draw conclusions and make inferences from text.
 - j) Identify cause and effect relationships.
 - k) Make, confirm, or revise predictions.

Reporting Category: Demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts

Number of Items: 13

Standards of Learning:

- 5.6 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts.
- a) Use text organizers, such as type, headings, and graphics, to predict and categorize information in both print and digital texts.
 - c) Skim materials to develop a general overview of content and to locate specific information.
 - d) Identify the main idea of nonfiction texts.

- e) Summarize supporting details in nonfiction texts.
- f) Identify structural patterns found in nonfiction.
- g) Locate information to support opinions, predictions, and conclusions.
- h) Identify cause and effect relationships following transition words signaling the pattern.
- i) Differentiate between fact and opinion.
- j) Identify, compare, and contrast relationships.

Standards of Learning Excluded from Testing:

- 5.4 The student will expand vocabulary when reading.
 - f) Develop vocabulary by listening to and reading a variety of texts.

- 5.5 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts, narrative nonfiction, and poetry.
 - a) Describe the relationship between text and previously read materials.
 - d) Describe the characteristics of free verse, rhymed, and patterned poetry.
 - l) Use reading strategies throughout the reading process to monitor comprehension.
 - m) Read with fluency and accuracy.

- 5.6 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts.
 - b) Use prior knowledge and build additional background knowledge as context for new learning.
 - k) Identify new information gained from reading.
 - l) Use reading strategies throughout the reading process to monitor comprehension.
 - m) Read with fluency and accuracy.