

**Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments
Grade 8 Science Performance Level Descriptors
Brief**

Performance Level	Descriptor
Pass/Advanced	The student demonstrates exceptional and consistent attainment of the knowledge and skills necessary to plan and conduct investigations; validate conclusions by collecting, recording, and analyzing data; understand the basic characteristics and properties of force, motion, energy, matter, life systems, ecosystems, and Earth/space systems.
Pass/Proficient	The student demonstrates satisfactory attainment of the knowledge and skills necessary to plan and conduct investigations; validate conclusions by collecting, recording, and analyzing data; understand the basic characteristics and properties of force, motion, energy, matter, life systems, ecosystems, and Earth/space systems.
Fail	The student demonstrates inconsistent attainment of the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to plan and conduct investigations; validate conclusions by collecting, recording, and analyzing data; understand the basic characteristics and properties of force, motion, energy, matter, life systems, ecosystems, and Earth/space systems.