

**Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments
Earth Science Performance Level Descriptors
Brief**

Performance Level	Descriptor
Pass/Advanced	The student demonstrates exceptional and consistent attainment of the knowledge and skills necessary to construct and interpret scales, diagrams, and tables; use technology to collect, analyze, and report data; read and interpret maps, charts, models, and imagery; and understand Earth's characteristics and history, the solar system, rocks, natural resources, geologic processes, freshwater resources, oceans, atmosphere, weather, and climate.
Pass/Proficient	The student demonstrates satisfactory attainment of the knowledge and skills necessary to construct and interpret scales, diagrams, and tables; use technology to collect, analyze, and report data; read and interpret maps, charts, models, and imagery; and understand Earth's characteristics and history, the solar system, rocks, natural resources, geologic processes, freshwater resources, oceans, atmosphere, weather, and climate.
Fail	The student demonstrates little if any attainment of the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to construct and interpret scales, diagrams, and tables; use technology to collect, analyze, and report data; read and interpret maps, charts, models, and imagery; and understand Earth's characteristics and history, the solar system, rocks, natural resources, geologic processes, freshwater resources, oceans, atmosphere, weather, and climate.