

Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests Cut Scores as Adopted by the Virginia Board of Education

Grades 3 through 8 SOL Tests	Fail/Basic	Pass/Proficient	Pass/Advanced	Adoption Date
Grade 3 Mathematics* (2009 Standards)	Administered as a computer adaptive test as of Spring 2016.**			
Grade 4 Mathematics* (2009 Standards)	17 out of 50 items	31 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	Mar 22, 2012
Grade 5 Mathematics* (2009 Standards)	18 out of 50 items	31 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	Mar 22, 2012
Grade 6 Mathematics* (2009 Standards)	Administered as a computer adaptive test as of Fall 2014.**			
Grade 7 Mathematics* (2009 Standards)	Administered as a computer adaptive test as of Fall 2015.**			
Grade 8 Mathematics* (2009 Standards)	Administered as a computer adaptive test as of Fall 2015.**			
Grade 3 Reading (2010 Standards)	13 out of 40 items	25 out of 40 items	35 out of 40 items	Mar 28, 2013
Grade 4 Reading (2010 Standards)	12 out of 40 items	25 out of 40 items	35 out of 40 items	Mar 28, 2013
Grade 5 Reading (2010 Standards)	11 out of 40 items	25 out of 40 items	35 out of 40 items	Mar 28, 2013
Grade 6 Reading (2010 Standards)	14 out of 45 items	28 out of 45 items	40 out of 45 items	Mar 28, 2013
Grade 7 Reading (2010 Standards)	14 out of 45 items	28 out of 45 items	40 out of 45 items	Mar 28, 2013
Grade 8 Reading (2010 Standards)	14 out of 45 items	28 out of 45 items	40 out of 45 items	Mar 28, 2013
Grade 5 Science (2010 Standards)	NA	24 out of 40 items	35 out of 40 items	April 25, 2013
Grade 8 Science (2010 Standards)	NA	27 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	April 25, 2013
Grade 8 Writing (2010 Standards)	NA	31 out of 48 items	41 out of 48 items	April 25, 2013
Content Specific History SOL Tests	Fail/Basic	Pass/Proficient	Pass/Advanced	Adoption Date
Virginia Studies (2008 Standards)	NA	21 out of 40 items	32 out of 40 items	Mar 24, 2011
Civics and Economics (2008 Standards)	NA	21 out of 40 items	34 out of 40 items	Mar 24, 2011
End-of-Course SOL Tests	Fail/Basic	Pass/Proficient	Pass/Advanced	Adoption Date
English: Reading (2002 Standards)	NA	28 out of 50 items	42 out of 50 items	Nov 30, 2005
English: Writing (2002 Standards)	NA	37 out of 54 items	49 out of 54 items	October 1998
Earth Science (2003 Standards)	NA	30 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	October 1998
Earth Science (2010 Standards)	NA	25 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	Jan 10, 2013
Biology (2003 Standards)	NA	26 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	October 1998
Biology (2010 Standards)	NA	27 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	Jan 10, 2013
Chemistry (2003 Standards)	NA	27 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	October 1998
Chemistry (2010 Standards)	NA	25 out of 50 items	44 out of 50 items	Jan 10, 2013
World History (I) to 1500 A.D. (2001 Standards)	NA	30 out of 60 items	50 out of 60 items	Nov 19, 2003
World History (I) to 1500 A.D. (2008 Standards)	NA	31 out of 60 items	53 out of 60 items	Jan 13, 2011
World History (II) from 1500 A.D. to the Present (2001 Standards)	NA	30 out of 60 items	50 out of 60 items	Nov 19, 2003
World History (II) from 1500 A.D. to the Present (2008 Standards)	NA	31 out of 60 items	52 out of 60 items	Jan 13, 2011
Virginia & U.S. History (2001 Standards)	NA	30 out of 60 items	51 out of 60 items	Nov 19, 2003
Virginia & U.S. History (2008 Standards)	NA	30 out of 60 items	53 out of 60 items	Jan 13, 2011
World Geography (2001 Standards)	NA	33 out of 60 items	50 out of 60 items	Nov 19, 2003
World Geography (2008 Standards)	NA	33 out of 60 items	54 out of 60 items	Jan 13, 2011
Algebra I* (2001 Standards)	NA	27 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	October 1998
Algebra I* (2009 Standards)	NA	25 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	Jan 12, 2012
Geometry (2001 Standards)	NA	27 out of 45 items	41 out of 45 items	October 1998
Geometry (2009 Standards)	NA	25 out of 50 items	44 out of 50 items	Jan 12, 2012
Algebra II (2001 Standards Revised)	NA	30 out of 50 items	45 out of 50 items	Nov 30, 2005
	Fail/Basic	Pass/Proficient	Advanced/College Path	Adoption Date
End-of-Course Reading (2010 Standards)	NA	31 out of 55 items	49 out of 55 items	Jan 10, 2013
End-of-Course Writing (2010 Standards)	NA	33 out of 54 items	46 out of 54 items	April 25, 2013
Algebra II (2009 Standards)	NA	27 out of 50 items	43 out of 50 items	Jan 12, 2012

* Includes the Plain English version of the test.

** A computer adaptive test is an online test that is customized for each student taking the test. A student's score is determined by the number of questions a student answer correctly and the relative difficulty of the questions answered. For more information about computer adaptive tests, go to:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/test_administration/cat/index.shtml

For more information about the adoption of cut scores and an explanation of why the number of correct answers associated with a scaled score of 400 (proficient) or 500 (advanced) may vary slightly as new versions of the test are developed, see the document "Explanation of Cut Scores" available at:
<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/scoring/index.shtml>