

## SOL Writing Assessments, Grade 8

February 5, 2020

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Your child will be taking the **Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Grade 8 Writing Test** between **March 5<sup>th</sup>** and **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. It is important that your child attend school on these days. If possible, please avoid scheduling trips or appointments that would take your child out of school during this time period. It is also important that your child have a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast before testing. If you become aware of an unavoidable conflict that could result in your child missing a testing day, please notify your child's school as soon as possible.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) requires that all students in grade 8 take the English: Writing Standards of Learning (SOL) test. The test has two components: multiple choice response and a short paper response. In order to obtain a score, your child must complete both components.

The purpose of SOL testing is to provide information about student achievement to the parent, school, school division, and state. In most cases, test scores are available for parents by the end of the school year. More information about how and when you will receive your child's scores will be shared closer to these dates.

If you have questions about SOL testing, please contact your child's counselor or the School Test Coordinator, Sunnie Chung at [shchung@fcps.edu](mailto:shchung@fcps.edu).

Thank you,

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