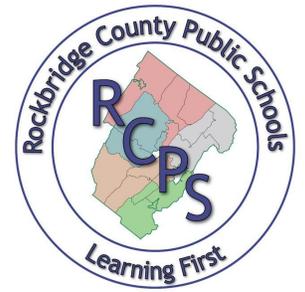


RCHS SOL Testing - Spring 2021

Writing and Non-Writing Information



Will SOL tests be administered this school year?

Yes. The US Education Department (USED) still continues to require the administration of state assessments, therefore, our Virginia SOL tests will be given this Spring.

Students in grades 3-12 will take SOL tests for federal participation. RCHS students will take SOL tests to earn verified credits to meet the graduation requirements for a Standard or Advanced Studies diploma.

What SOL tests will be given at RCHS in Spring 2021?

Students are required to take any SOL test that is necessary to meet federal participation guidelines. These tests include:

- EOC Biology
- EOC Algebra I (or first math SOL in high school)
- EOC Reading

Students also have to take SOL tests to earn enough verified credits to graduate. Students who do not fulfill their verified credit requirements will not graduate on time. Students enrolled in the following courses may have to take the associated SOL test(s):

- Writing -11th grade
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Reading - 11th grade
- Earth Science
- Biology
- Chemistry

What are the Verified Credit requirements for students in grades 8-11?

Students in grades 8-11 need to earn **5** verified credits to graduate from RCHS which are:

- **1** Math (Algebra I, Geometry, OR Algebra II)
- **1** Science (Earth Science, Biology, OR Chemistry)
- **1** History/Social Science (World History I, World History II, OR VA&US History)
- **2** English (Reading and Writing - given during the 11th grade year)

Does your student have to take the SOL test at RCHS or can he/she take it at home?

Students must take the SOL tests **in person** at RCHS. We will follow all RCPS COVID-19 protocols around social distancing, face coverings, and health screenings. Additional information on RCPS health procedures can be found on the [RCPS website](#).

Do you need to know if your student needs verified credits to meet graduation requirements?

Please contact your student's school counselor at RCHS.

When will the Writing SOL Test occur?

Hybrid Learning

Students participating in the hybrid-learning model will participate during the week of March 15-18, 2021. They will take the Writing SOL in two days following this schedule:

- **March 15, 2021** = “A” students take the multiple-choice component of the Writing SOL
- **March 16, 2021** = “A” students take the short-paper component of the Writing SOL
- **March 17, 2021** = “B” students take the multiple-choice component of the Writing SOL
- **March 18, 2021** = “B” students take the short-paper component of the Writing SOL

Remote Learning

Students participating in the virtual-learning model will participate in the Writing SOL based on a scheduled appointment time in the month of March. To select appointment time to assist with test planning, families of students participating in this learning format must fill out a Google form. You can find the form by [following this link](#).

When will the Non-Writing SOL tests occur?

All students enrolled in courses with an associated SOL test will take the test if needed for federal accountability or for verified credits required for graduation. These tests will be given in **May 2021**. A testing schedule will be posted in April 2021 so that you and your student can plan accordingly. These tests will be given in-person at RCHS.



What if I don't want my student to take an in-person assessment due to COVID-19 concerns?

Families have the option to defer testing to the 2021-2022 school year. Deferring testing only affects the **timing of assessments**; it does not reduce the overall number of assessments a student must pass to meet verified credit requirements for graduation.

Should you decide to defer testing for your student, contact your school counselor at RCHS and submit a request in writing. School counselors at RCHS are:

- [Janet Buchheit](#) (last names A-G)
- [Rhonda Pedigo](#) (last names H-N)
- [Mat Rapoza](#) (last names O-Z)