



February 1, 2024

Dear Parents,

In 2014, the General Assembly eliminated Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments for Grade 3 History, Grade 6 - United States History to 1865, and Grade 7 - United States History 1865 to the Present. The Standards of Learning online multiple choice was then replaced with a locally developed alternative assessment. The Local Alternative Assessments (LAA) are designed to measure student learning of the subject matter.

In accordance with the Virginia Department of Education, all students in grades three, six, and seven must take alternative assessments. The Local Alternative Assessments are meant to engage students in critical thinking and use evidence to complete an authentic or performance assessment. The assessments are conducted during the second, third, and fourth quarters of each school year.

The following are the dates of the Local Alternative Assessment for the 2023-2024 school year:

February 16, 2024

April 19, 2024

May 31, 2024

Once students have completed the assessments they are scored using the Virginia Quality Criteria Tool for Performance Assessments. Teachers will be able to provide feedback to students and parents following the scoring of all assessments.

We appreciate your continued partnership and support.

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