



Loudoun County Public Schools

Round Hill Center

Department of Pupil Services
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Parent/Guardian Refusal Form for the Virginia Assessment Program

Virginia does not have an assessment opt-out provision; however, parents/guardians may refuse to permit their student to participate in one, some, or all of Virginia’s Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments or the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP). Annual refusals must be made in writing, using this form, to the student’s School Test Coordinator and must be retained in the student’s Scholastic Record, as well as forwarded to the division’s Assessment Supervisor.

[The Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) requires that school divisions assess students annually in Reading and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in Science at the elementary and middle school level. High school (grades 9-12) students must be assessed once in Reading, Mathematics, and Science during their high school tenure.

Virginia’s [revised Standards of Accreditation](#) require that school divisions assess students annually in Reading and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in Science and History at the elementary and middle school level. Middle school students must also be assessed once in Writing. High school (grade 9-12) students must be assessed as determined by their [diploma requirements](#) and as directed by ESSA.

The revised Standards of Accreditation also state that “Students shall not be required to take an end-of-course SOL test in an academic subject after they have earned the number of verified credits required for that academic content area for graduation, unless such test is necessary in order for the school to meet federal accountability requirements.” Examples of tests for federal accountability include:

- Eighth grade students enrolled in Geometry are expected to take the Geometry SOL test even though they may have already earned the mathematics verified credit they need for their diploma.
- Ninth grade students enrolled in Geometry or Algebra II are expected to take the corresponding SOL test even though they may have already earned the mathematics verified credit they need for their diploma.
- Tenth or eleventh grade students enrolled in Biology are expected to take the Biology SOL test even though they may have already earned the science verified credit they need for their diploma.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School Name: _____

Test(s) Refused: _____

X	Parent/Guardian understands and accepts the following:
	I understand that my student’s SOL/VAAP test record(s) will be coded as a “Parent Refusal” and will result in a score of 0. My student will receive an SOL or VAAP score report that reflects the 0 score.
	I understand that receiving a passing score on an end of course SOL assessment may be required for my student to earn a verified credit toward his/her diploma.
	I understand that my refusal will have no impact on my student’s grade in the course or promotion to the next grade/course.

By signing below, I affirm that the possible outcomes of refusing have been fully explained. If you have further questions, please contact Leigh Bennett, Assessment Supervisor, at (540) 751-2590.

Parent Signature

Date

School Test Coordinator Signature

Date