

Essex Intermediate School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

SOL testing is quickly approaching. We believe that by working together as a team, we can ensure that our students do well on the upcoming tests. Please note the SOL schedule on the back of this letter. With our students' and teachers' hard work, your encouragement, and a high level of student motivation, we can achieve good test results.

Throughout the year, teachers have been planning instruction around SOL objectives and pacing lessons in order to ensure all topics tested have been covered. We have also established review time as we approach the testing dates. Students have received additional support during enrichment as well as during after school tutoring sessions.

Please encourage your child to do his/her best on all of these tests. The scores obtained on these tests are important for your child as they help us measure competencies and highlight learning strengths and areas for improvement for each child. These scores are important for the school as they help us to gauge our instructional effectiveness and also determine next year's school accreditation.

We will continue to need your help to maximize student performance on these tests.

- Please be sure your child attends school on all review days and testing days. Please do not schedule any appointments on testing days. It is important that your child is at school by 8:10 each morning because testing will begin first thing in the morning. Students who attend school on the day of their SOL tests perform better than those who have to make up their test on another day at another time.
- Students need a good night's sleep so they are well rested and ready for testing each day. Please ensure that your child goes to bed early each night before testing.
- Students need a good breakfast the morning of testing. If your child eats breakfast at home, please be sure they have a nutritious breakfast. Students may also continue to get a free breakfast at school each morning.
- Finally, please encourage your child to try their best, take their time on the tests, and check over every answer.

We appreciate your support! If you have any questions about SOL testing, please feel free to contact me at hgency@essex.k12.va.us or 804-443-3040.

Sincerely,

Heather Gentry

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SOL Testing Schedule- EIS

Monday, May 14th- 7th Grade Reading

Tuesday, May 15th- 6th Grade Reading

Wednesday, May 16th- 5th Grade Reading

Thursday, May 17th- 4th Grade Reading

Friday, May 18th- Reading Make-Up Tests

Monday, May 21st- 7th Grade Math/Algebra 1

Tuesday, May 22nd- 6th Grade Math/Compacted Math 7/8

Wednesday, May 23rd- 4th Grade Math

Thursday, May 24th- 5th Grade Math/Compacted Math 5/6

Friday, May 25th- Early Release Day

Monday, May 28th- Memorial Day- No School

Tuesday, May 29th- Math Make-Up Tests

Wednesday, May 30th- 4th Grade Virginia Studies

Thursday, May 31st- 5th Grade Science

Friday, June 1st- Virginia Studies and Science Make-Up Tests

Monday, June 4th- Reading Retakes

Tuesday, June 5th- Math Retakes

Wednesday, June 6th- Virginia Studies Retakes

Thursday June 7th- Science Retakes

Friday, June 8th- Make-Up Retake Tests

Students who score between 375-399 on their SOL test are eligible to retake the test. Permission slips for retakes have been sent home with students. Please return these permission forms to school ASAP.