

It's No Secret: How to Help Your Child Prepare for the Standards of Learning Tests



Q: What are the best places to find information online?

A:

- The Fairfax County Public Schools webpage—testing resources link:
<http://www.fcps.edu/testing.htm>
- Virginia Department of Education SOL Resources:

<http://141.104.22.210/VDOE/Instruction/sol.html#general>

- T/TAC online Resources –Designed for Children and Youth With Disabilities but also contains lots of helpful tools for general education students:

<http://www.ttaonline.org/staff/sol/sol.asp>

- The Jefferson Lab – provides resources for extra support in science and math; including practice SOL tests, engaging activities, and internship opportunities!

<http://education.jlab.org/>

Q: What does the state of Virginia expect students to know and be able to do in each subject area and at each grade level?

A: See the Virginia Standards of Learning for All Subjects and Grade Levels

<http://141.104.22.210/VDOE/Superintendent/Sols/home.shtml>

Q: What is a sample curriculum framework for each subject and grade level?

A. See the SOL Curriculum Framework and the Enhanced Scope and Sequence

<http://141.104.22.210/VDOE/CurriculumFramework/> and

<http://141.104.22.210/VDOE/EnhancedSandS/>

Q: Which Standards of Learning will be on the SOL tests, and which will be left out?

A: See the SOL Blueprints.

<http://141.104.22.210/VDOE/Assessment/soltests/>

Q: What are some examples of SOL test questions? Where can I practice taking SOL tests?

A: See the Standards of Learning Released Test items
<http://141.104.22.210/VDOE/Assessment/releasedtests.html>

See the practice SOL science and math tests posted on the Jefferson Lab site
<http://education.jlab.org/>

Q: What online SOL tutorials are available?

A: See Project Graduation online tutorials <http://141.104.22.210/2plus4in2004/>
and Virginia Electronic Practice Assessment Tool (ePAT)
http://etest.ncs.com/Customers/Virginia/pat_home.htm

Q: What SOL prep books does FCPS recommend?

A: See the *Tools for Schools* link on the FCPS High School SOL Resources:
<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/sol/sol.htm>

Q: What tutorials can my high school student access from home?

A: See the *tech resources* link under Expanding or Developing Literacies on the FCPS High School SOL Resources page. Ask your student's counselor for help accessing passwords: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/sol/elt.htm>

Q: What resources are available to assist students with disabilities to pass the SOL tests?

A: See the resources at T/TAC Online: <http://www.ttaonline.org/staff/sol/sol.asp>

Q: What training is available to teachers and parents to assist students to master the Standards of Learning?

A: Start with the resources at T/TAC Online: <http://www.ttaonline.org/staff/sol/sol.asp>

And at the Jefferson Lab: <http://education.jlab.org/>

See your child's teachers and counselor for more information.