



# FAQ about the Student Assessment Summary Report

## Why did my student not receive a Student Assessment Summary?

Student Assessment Summary is not available if the student:

- did not attend a Virginia public school last year,
- has not taken a Standards of Learning test while in Virginia schools,
- changed division or school after VDOE enrollment data was collected in January 2023.

## What test results are included on the Student Assessment Summary?

The Virginia Department of Education collects and provides student testing history to VVAAS by mid-August each year. All of the SOL tests your student completes by the end of the spring testing window, typically late June, will be included in the report. For example, the Spring 2023 report includes testing history from the 2015-16 school year through the Spring 2022.

A student's report might display a performance level from a previous test attempt if the student has retaken an SOL test after the data has been provided to VVAAS.

A student's report might not have data for a test if

- the student did not attend a Virginia public school that year,
- a parent or student refused an SOL test,
- an exception was applied. Many exemptions were applied in 2020 because of the pandemic.

## What tests are included in the report?

The data in this report reflect your student's performance on the SOL test(s).

Note: This report contains your student's entire SOL testing history. The education provided and testing location could be different from the currently enrolled division or school.

## What are performance levels and what do they mean?

Performance levels provide classifications for student performance on SOL tests and the specific performance levels for SOL tests are listed below.

Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics SOL tests have four performance levels (listed from highest performance level to lowest performance level):

- Pass/Advanced
- Pass/Proficient
- Fail/Basic
- Fail/Below Basic

Science, History, Writing, End of Course (EOC) Mathematics and EOC Reading SOL tests have three performance levels (listed from highest performance level to lowest performance level):

- Pass/Advanced
- Pass/Proficient
- Fail

Note: End of Course (EOC) Writing (2010 Standards), EOC Reading (2010 Standards), and EOC Algebra II (2009 Standards) have a performance level of Advanced/College Path in place of the Pass/Advanced performance level.

Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) define the specific set of knowledge and skills that students are expected to demonstrate to be classified into a performance level. Information about PLDs for SOL tests is available on the VDOE website at this location, [Performance Level Descriptors](#).

## **What trends in my student's test results may be a reason to contact the school?**

Every student is different; they have different trends and educational experiences. You can contact your student's school if they are not earning a Pass/Proficient or higher performance level on a consistent basis, or in a specific subject to explore options to support your child's academic growth in these areas.

## **Does this report indicate if your student is on track to graduate?**

Virginia students must earn 5 verified credits to meet high school graduation requirements. Knowing your student's SOL testing history and end-of-year grade for specific courses can help families and school counselors make important decisions to ensure a student meets graduation requirements. Read more about [VDOE Graduation Requirements](#).

## **I have more than one student and they earned the same scale score on the SOL, why is the state percentile different?**

State percentiles are calculated in VVAAS each year for each SOL test. Students are only compared to other students who also took that test in the same year. Students who took the test in different years can have different state percentiles even if they earned the same score on the SOL test.