

State Testing Regulations

State: Virginia

Assessment: SOL, Standards of Learning Assessment

Applied for waiver: Unknown

Opt out process for parents:

According to the Code of Virginia, all students in Virginia are expected to take the Standards of Learning (SOL) state assessments. Virginia regulations do not include what is sometimes referred to as an "opt out policy" for state assessments. However, under Virginia law, parents may refuse testing for their children. If parents determine that refusing a test is in the best interest of their child after speaking with school staff, they will need to officially notify the school of this decision. For certain tests like the SOLs, parents will need to sign a specific form that the school is required to file for documentation. Parent refusal of testing must be communicated annually.

Federal restrictions to opt out: Unknown

Consequences of opt out: n/a

If the child is in high school, refusing an SOL test could impact his or her on-time graduation. Virginia requires verified credits to earn a standard or advanced studies diploma, and SOL tests are the most common way credits are verified.

Changes in testing requirements: Unknown

Links/resources:

www.doe.virginia.gov › [part_a](#) › [guidelines_procedures](#)

