



Essex High School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of EHS Students:

The Virginia Board of Education adopted a resolution, which allows students the opportunity to take a second attempt (an “expedited retake”) of a Standards of Learning (SOL) test that he or she did not pass, with the exception of the *Grade 8 Writing* test. To retake an SOL test that was not passed, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Have passed the course associated with the test;
2. One of the following:
 - a. Failed the test by a narrow margin (received a scaled score of 375-399)
 - b. Failed the test by any margin and have extenuating circumstances that would warrant retesting; or
 - c. Did not sit for the regularly scheduled test for legitimate reasons.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the Virginia Department of Education has granted school divisions flexibility and school divisions are not required to offer students an expedited retake on a test they initially failed with a score of 375-399.

If you would prefer that your child take an expedited retake if he or she meets the criteria noted above, please complete the required information on the second page of this letter, to request for your child to participate in retaking an SOL test. Forms should be returned to school by December 5, 2022.

For your consideration, students are required to have verified credits (passed SOL) for graduation. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school counselor if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Damean Barfield, Principal

Please return this form to School Counseling.

Student's Name	Teacher's Name/Content or Class

Please place a checkmark to the left of your decision.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I request for my child to retake any of the SOL tests that he or she has failed.
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Date