

# Fall 2023 Growth Assessment

**(Effective for Fall 2024)**

In the 2023-2024 school year, students in Virginia public schools will take growth assessments in Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics. Legislation passed in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly ([HB2027](#) and [SB1357](#)) requires these assessments be administered to students once in the fall and once in the winter (mid-year). In addition to the growth assessments, the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics will continue to be administered. Test items at or below a student's grade level may be delivered online via the computer adaptive algorithm as appropriate for the student. Please note that, based on a recent change, the Fall 2023 Growth Assessment for Grade 4 is now based on Grade 3 content. This change is intended to ensure that students are administered test questions on the Fall 2023 Growth Assessments that are based on content that should have been taught during the previous school year. Because the blueprint for the Grade 4 Fall Growth Assessment is the same as the blueprint for the Grade 3 Fall 2023 Growth Assessment, the test will begin with questions that assess either Grade 3 or Grade 2 English SOL. Students who meet the criteria for needing a paper test will receive Grade 3 English SOL test items.

## Grade 4 Reading (Based on Grade 3 Standards of Learning) Test Blueprint Summary Table

Reporting Category	Grade 4 Standards of Learning Eligible to Appear in the Fall 2023 Growth Assessment	Number of Items Fall 2023 Growth Assessment	
		Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) Format	Paper Format
Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts and use word analysis strategies*	3.3b 3.4a-d, f-g 3.5c-j, l	11	14
Demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts and use word analysis strategies*	3.3b 3.4a-d, f-g 3.6a, c-h	6	12
<b>Total Number of Items on Test</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Number of Passages on Test</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Using word analysis strategies and word reference materials will be tested with both fictional and nonfictional texts.

