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Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Phase-out of Standards of Learning Tests Assessing Previous Standards of Learning**

The memorandum is to announce the phase-out of the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests assessing the 2001 Mathematics SOL, 2002 English SOL, and 2003 Science SOL. Note that this phase-out has already occurred for SOL tests assessing the 2001 History/Social Science SOL ([Superintendent's Memorandum 318-13](#)).

In 2011-2012 SOL tests that measured the 2009 Mathematics SOL were administered for the first time. However, students attempting to earn a diploma who had passed coursework based on the 2001 Mathematics SOL but failed the associated test(s) prior to fall 2011 have been allowed to continue to take the SOL tests that assess the 2001 standards.

Similarly, SOL tests that measured the 2010 English SOL and the 2010 Science SOL were administered for the first time in 2012-2013. Students who had passed coursework based on the 2002 English SOL or the 2003 Science SOL but failed the associated end-of-course SOL tests prior to fall 2012 have been allowed to continue to take the end-of-course tests that assess those standards.

After the summer 2017 administration, the SOL tests that measure the 2001 Mathematics SOL, the 2002 English SOL, and the 2003 Science SOL will no longer be offered. Beginning with the fall 2017 SOL test administration, students will take the SOL tests associated with the 2009 Mathematics SOL, the 2010 English SOL, and the 2010 Science SOL. Refer to the table below for specific test names.

<b>Content Area</b>	<b>SOL Tests Phased-out After Summer 2017</b>	<b>SOL Tests for Administration After Summer 2017</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	Algebra I (2001 SOL)	Algebra I (2009 SOL)
	Plain English Algebra I (2001 SOL)	Plain English Algebra I (2009 SOL)
	Geometry (2001 SOL)	Geometry (2009 SOL)
	Algebra II (2001 Revised SOL)	Algebra II (2009 SOL)
	Gr 8 Mathematics (2001 SOL) <sup>[1]</sup>	Gr 8 Mathematics (2009 SOL) <sup>[1]</sup>
	Gr 8 Plain English Mathematics (2001 SOL) <sup>[1]</sup>	Gr 8 Plain English Mathematics (2009 SOL) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>English</b>	End-of-Course Reading (2002 SOL)	End-of-Course Reading (2010 SOL)

	End-of-Course Writing (2002 SOL)	End-of-Course Writing (2010 SOL)
<b>Science</b>	Earth Science (2003 SOL)	Earth Science (2010 SOL)
	Biology (2003 SOL)	Biology (2010 SOL)
	Chemistry (2003 SOL)	Chemistry (2010 SOL)

[1] Only for students who entered the ninth grade for the first time prior to 2013-2014 who are pursuing a Modified Standard Diploma.

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