



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

**DATE:** August 4, 2017  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Approval of Additional Substitute Tests for Verified Credit in Reading, Writing, and Algebra I**

On July 27, 2017, the Virginia Board of Education approved the revised *SAT* as an additional substitute test for verified credit in reading, writing, and Algebra I and the *PSAT/NMSQT/PSAT 10* as an additional substitute test for reading and Algebra I. The document listing all tests approved as Standards of Learning (SOL) substitute tests for verified credit is available on the Department of Education's website at [http://doe.virginia.gov/testing/substitute\\_tests/index.shtml](http://doe.virginia.gov/testing/substitute_tests/index.shtml). These additional tests and newly adopted cut scores for pass/proficient and pass/advanced are identified in the document in bold print.

The revised *SAT* and *PSAT/NMSQT/PSAT 10* tests are available for use immediately for students who need a verified credit as approved by the Virginia Board of Education. Scores for the *SAT* and *PSAT/NMSQT/PSAT 10* tests will be used in calculating state accreditation; however, these tests are not currently approved for use in federal accountability.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to student assessment staff at [Student\\_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-2102.

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