



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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## Reading Standard Setting Information

The Office of Assessment is accepting nominations for standard setting committees for the Reading Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. Standard setting is necessary because of the implementation of new reading tests in spring 2025 based on the *2024 English Standards of Learning*.

The committee meetings will be held December 10-12, 2024, at the Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center, Glen Allen, Virginia, as follows:

- Grade 3 Reading December 10-11
- Grade 4 Reading December 10-11
- Grade 5 Reading December 10-11
- Grade 6 Reading December 10-11
- Grade 7 Reading December 10-11
- Grade 8 Reading December 10-11
- End-of-Course Reading December 10-11

The standard setting committees are responsible for recommending performance level cuts that not only reflect students' achievement status but also promote high expectations for all students in the Commonwealth. The recommendations developed by the committee will ultimately be considered by the Virginia Board of Education as part of a broader, comprehensive process for establishing performance level cuts for pass/proficient and pass/advanced status.

Committee members selected for the standard setting committees will be expected to use provided technology, such as a laptop computer, sign and adhere to a Non-Disclosure/Conflict of Interest Agreement; and be present for the entire first two days of the meetings. Some committee members will be asked to attend a third day, **December 12**, of the standard setting process and will be notified of this request ahead of time. School divisions are encouraged to nominate a representative for each committee.

Committee members will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Instructional training and experience in the reading grade/subject;
- In-depth knowledge of the *2024 English Standards of Learning*;
- Instructional/supervisory experience with students of varied learning styles, abilities, and aptitudes, including students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency; and
- Balanced regional representation.

Committee members will be provided the following:

- Reimbursement for meals and travel expenses in accordance with state travel policy and

guidelines;

- Lodging; and
- Attendance certification for recertification points (pending local approval).

School divisions will be reimbursed for substitute teacher pay at a rate of \$75 per day.

School division leaders are invited to nominate teachers from their school division to serve on each of the standard setting committees using the [Reading Standard Setting Nomination form](#). Nominations of teachers, coaches, and English supervisors available to serve as panelists are to be submitted by school division personnel in the online nomination form no later than **Friday, November 8, 2024**.

Committee members may not use membership on a committee or information gained through the review process to write test items, author or co-author textbooks or professional journals or any such publications related to the Virginia SOL, for personal financial gain or for the financial gain of any organization.

If you have questions, please contact the assessment staff at [Student\\_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-2102.