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TO: Division Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program Score Ranges for Locally Awarded Verified Credits for Students with Disabilities Eligible for Credit Accommodations

Students with disabilities who are eligible for credit accommodations may earn locally awarded verified credits. The credit accommodations guidelines communicated to school divisions via [Superintendent's Memo No. 191-13](#), July 26, 2013, provides the follow guidance regarding locally awarded verified credits:

To be eligible to earn locally awarded verified credits in English, mathematics, science and/or history and social science under the guidance, an eligible student must:

- a. Pass the high school course;
- b. Score within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the Standards of Learning test after taking the test at least twice; and
- c. Demonstrate achievement in the academic content through an appeal process administered at the local level.

Because the Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program (VSEP) is an alternative to the SOL tests and covers the same content, students who have been determined to be eligible for credit accommodations may use VSEP scores to qualify for locally awarded verified credits. However, the VSEP assessments do not provide scaled scores. Students with disabilities who participate in the VSEP may use score ranges that are comparable to Standards of Learning (SOL) scaled score ranges of 375 - 399 to qualify for locally awarded verified credits under the guidelines established for the Standard Diploma with credit accommodations.

A complete list of VSEP score ranges that are comparable to SOL scaled score ranges of 375 - 399 is provided in the document [VSEP Cut Scores and Score Ranges](#) found on the Virginia Department of Education's Web site. Additional information regarding VSEP is available at http://doe.virginia.gov/testing/alternative_assessments/index.shtml.

If you have questions, please contact student assessment staff at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2102.

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