



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Cut Scores Adopted by the Board of Education for the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) in Reading, Mathematics, Writing, and Science**

The charts below list the cut scores for the achievement levels of pass/proficient and pass/advanced for the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) in reading, mathematics, writing, and science adopted by the Virginia Board of Education at its June 27, 2013, meeting.

<b>Reading</b>	<b>Pass/Proficient</b>	<b>Pass/Advanced</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>7 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>8 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>8 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>7 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>7 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>7 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>7 out of 12</b>	<b>10 out of 12</b>

**Mathematics**

**Pass/Proficient**

**Pass/Advanced**

**Grade 3**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**Grade 4**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**Grade 5**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**Grade 6**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**Grade 7**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**Grade 8**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**High School**

**7 out of 12**

**10 out of 12**

**Writing**

**Pass/Proficient**

**Pass/Advanced**

**Grade 5**

**5 out of 8**

**8 out of 8**

**Grade 8**

**5 out of 8**

**8 out of 8**

**High School**

**5 out of 8**

**7 out of 8**

**Science**

**Pass/Proficient**

**Pass/Advanced**

**Grade 3**

**9 out of 16**

**14 out of 16**

**Grade 5**

**9 out of 16**

**14 out of 16**

**Grade 8**

**12 out of 20**

**18 out of 20**

**High School**

**12 out of 20**

**18 out of 20**

These cut scores will be applicable for VAAP collections of evidence based on revised *Aligned Standards of Learning* in reading, mathematics, writing, and science beginning with the Spring 2013 administration. If you have questions, please contact the student assessment staff by e-mail at [Student\\_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov) or by phone at (804) 225-2102.

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