

Fall 2025 Grade 8 Reading Growth Assessment

In the 2025-2026 school year, students in Virginia public schools will take growth assessments in Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics. Legislation passed in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly ([HB2027](#) and [SB1357](#)) requires growth assessments be administered to students once in the fall and once in the winter (mid-year). In addition to the growth assessments, the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics will continue to be administered. Please note the fall growth assessment for Grade 8 is based on Grade 7 content. This is intended to ensure students are administered test questions on the fall growth assessments based on content taught during the previous school year. Test items at or below a student's grade level may be delivered online via the computer adaptive algorithm as appropriate for the student. The online fall growth assessment for Grade 8 may have test questions that assess Grade 6, Grade 7, or Grade 8 English SOL. Students who meet the criteria for needing a paper test will receive Grade 7 test items.

Grade 8 Reading (Based on Grade 7 Standards of Learning) Test Blueprint Summary Table

Reporting Category	Grade 7 Standards of Learning Eligible to Appear in the Fall 2025 Growth Assessment	Number of Items Fall 2025 Growth Assessment Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) Format	Number of Items Fall 2025 Growth Assessment Paper Format
Demonstrate comprehension of literary texts and use vocabulary development and word analysis strategies*	7.RV 7.RL.1 7.RL.2 7.RL.3	7	14
Demonstrate comprehension of informational texts and use vocabulary development and word analysis strategies*	7.RV 7.RI.1 7.RI.2 7.RI.3	12	17
Total Number of Texts/Items on Test		19 3 passage sets**	31 4 passage sets**

**Vocabulary development and word analysis* will be tested with both literary and informational texts.

**A passage set is a set of items associated with a single text, a single text and companion graphic with description, or a pair of texts. All reading passage sets are determined *grade-level appropriate* by a committee of Virginia educators prior to administration on the Reading SOL tests, with consideration to reading load. *Students receive no more than one pair of texts per test administration in Grades 3-8.* All Reading SOL content is tested within a passage set and no longer in standalone items.