

# Essex Intermediate School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

SOL testing is quickly approaching. We believe that by working together as a team, we can ensure that our students do well on the upcoming tests. Please note the SOL schedule on the back of this letter. With our students' and teachers' hard work, your encouragement, and a high level of student motivation, we can achieve good test results.

Throughout the year, teachers have been planning instruction around SOL objectives and pacing lessons in order to ensure all topics tested have been covered. We have also established review time as we approach the testing dates. Students have received additional support during enrichment as well as during after school tutoring sessions.

Please encourage your child to do his/her best on all of these tests. The scores obtained on these tests are important for your child as they help us measure competencies and highlight learning strengths and areas for improvement for each child. These scores are important for the school as they help us to gauge our instructional effectiveness and also determine next year's school accreditation.

We will continue to need your help to maximize student performance on these tests.

- Please be sure your child attends school on all review days and testing days. Please do not schedule any appointments on testing days. It is important that your child is at school by 8:10 each morning because testing will begin first thing in the morning. Students who attend school on the day of their SOL tests perform better than those who have to make up their test on another day at another time.
- Students need a good night's sleep so they are well rested and ready for testing each day. Please ensure that your child goes to bed early each night before testing.
- Students need a good breakfast the morning of testing. If your child eats breakfast at home, please be sure they have a nutritious breakfast. Students may also continue to get a free breakfast at school each morning.
- Finally, please encourage your child to try their best, take their time on the tests, and check over every answer.

We appreciate your support! If you have any questions about SOL testing, please feel free to contact me at [hgency@essex.k12.va.us](mailto:hgency@essex.k12.va.us) or 804-443-3040.

Sincerely,

Heather Gentry

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## **SOL Testing Schedule- EIS**

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>- Algebra 1

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and Geometry

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>- Early Release Day

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day- No School

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>- 5/6 Compacted Math

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Reading Retakes

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Civics

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>- Math Retakes

Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>- Science/Civics Retakes

*Students who score between 375-399 on their SOL test are eligible to retake the test. Permission slips for retakes have been sent home with students. If your child has not returned their retake permission slip, please return it to school ASAP.*