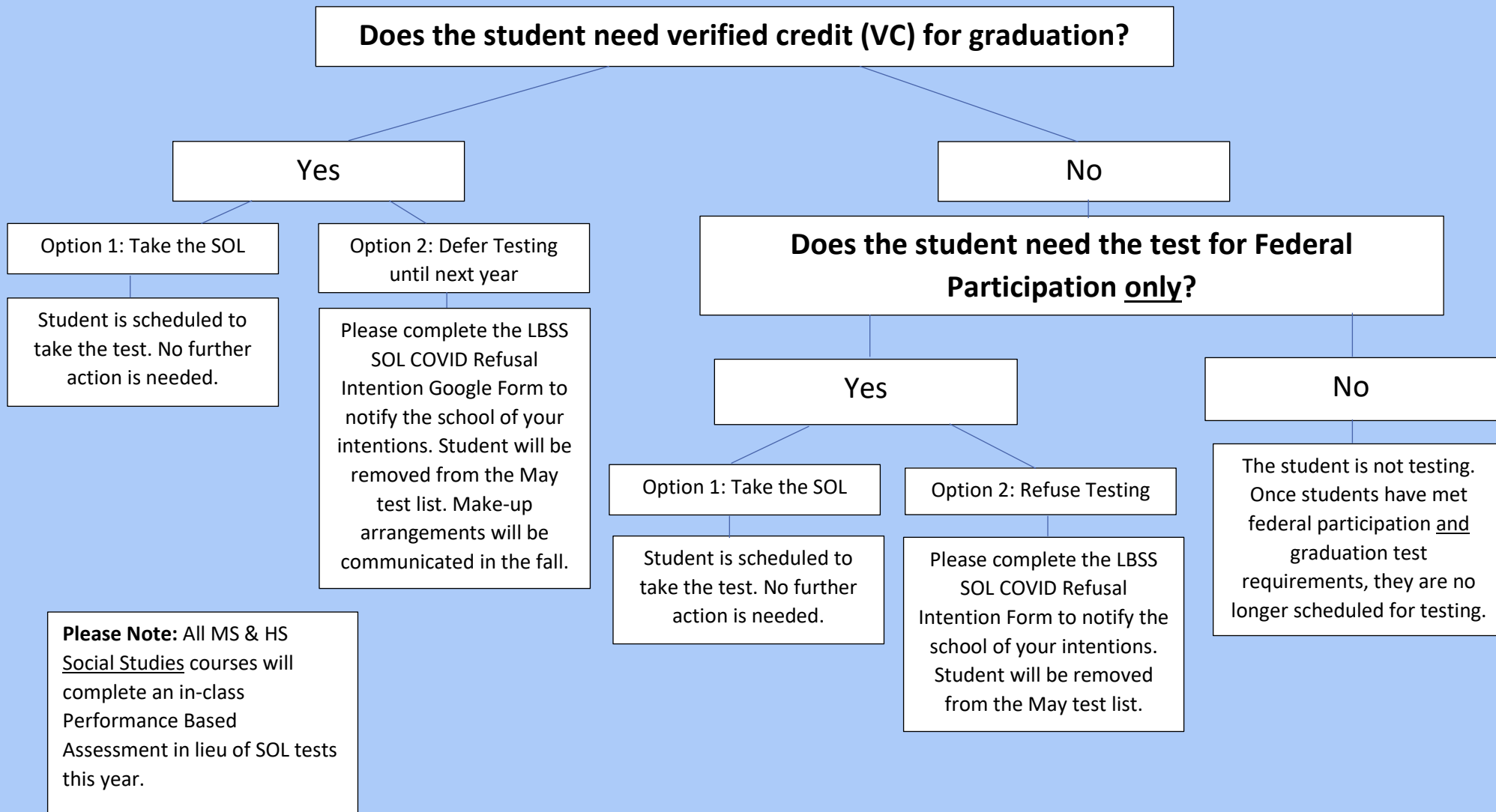


# SOL May 2021 Testing



**Middle School Students:** [LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form](#) for **Middle School**

**High School Students:** [LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form](#) for **High School**

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# What Tests Are Required for Federal Participation?

## Middle School

- Math 7
- Reading 7
- Math 8
- Reading 8
- Science 8

MS Students enrolled in [Algebra 1](#), [Geometry](#), and [Algebra 2](#) have MS Federal Participation requirement as well. These tests will also count towards high school verified credits for graduation.

## High School

- [Biology](#)
- [Reading](#)
- **1<sup>st</sup> EOC math** course taken in high school (EOC Math courses: **Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2**)

These tests are also required for verified credit (VC) for graduation.

# What Tests Are Required for Verified Credit (VC) for graduation\*?

- **1 Math** (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra 2, whichever is passed first, [including if it was passed in middle school.](#))
- **1 Science** ([Biology](#), Chemistry, or Earth Science/Geosystems, whichever is passed first)
- **1 Social Studies** (All social studies students will partake in an in-class Performance Based Assessment in lieu of SOLs this year)
- **1 Writing** (Taken through English 11 in March; AP English Lang students may use AP exam score of 2 or higher as substitute test credit for Writing)
- **1 Reading** (Students may use a substitute test score and refuse SOL testing this year if they have a qualifying substitute test score such as a PSAT or SAT Reading subtest score of 21 or intends to take the AP English Lang Exam and score a 2 or higher. Families should use the [LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form](#) to notify the school if their student intends to use a substitute test score and, therefore, will not take the Reading SOL this May.

*\*Advanced & Standard Diploma requirements for current grades 9-11.*

If you're still unsure of your student's testing status, please check with your student's teacher.

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**General Example:** 10<sup>th</sup> grader in Chemistry (already passed Biology) and in Geom/Alg 2 (already passed prior math in HS)

Does the student need verified credit (VC) for graduation?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Defer Testing until next year

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Google Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list. Make-up arrangements will be communicated in the fall.

No

Does the student need the test for Federal Participation only?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Refuse Testing

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list.

No

The student is not testing. Once students have met federal participation and graduation test requirements, they are no longer scheduled for testing.

**Please Note:** All MS & HS Social Studies courses will complete an in-class Performance Based Assessment in lieu of SOL tests this year.

If you're still unsure of your student's testing status, please check with your student's teacher.

**General Example:** 7<sup>th</sup> grader in English 7 and Math 7; 8<sup>th</sup> grader in Reading 8, Math 8, & Science 8

## SOL May 2021 Testing

Does the student need verified credit (VC) for graduation?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Defer Testing until next year

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Google Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list. Make-up arrangements will be communicated in the fall.

No

Does the student need the test for Federal Participation only?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Refuse Testing

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list.

No

The student is not testing. Once students have met federal participation and graduation test requirements, they are no longer scheduled for testing.

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**General Example:** 8<sup>th</sup> grader in Algebra I

## SOL May 2021 Testing

**Does the student need verified credit (VC) for graduation?**

**Yes**

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Defer Testing until next year

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Google Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list. Make-up arrangements will be communicated in the fall.

**Please Note:** All MS & HS Social Studies courses will complete an in-class Performance Based Assessment in lieu of SOL tests this year.

**No**

**Does the student need the test for Federal Participation only?**

**Yes**

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Refuse Testing

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list.

**No**

The student is not testing. Once students have met federal participation and graduation test requirements, they are no longer scheduled for testing.

If you're still unsure of your student's testing status, please check with your student's teacher.

**General Example:** 9<sup>th</sup> grader in Geometry or Alg 2; already passed prior Alg 1 or Geometry in MS

## SOL May 2021 Testing

Does the student need verified credit (VC) for graduation?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Defer Testing until next year

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Google Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list. Make-up arrangements will be communicated in the fall.

No

Does the student need the test for Federal Participation only?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Refuse Testing

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list.

No

The student is not testing. Once students have met federal participation and graduation test requirements, they are no longer scheduled for testing.

**Please Note:** All MS & HS Social Studies courses will complete an in-class Performance Based Assessment in lieu of SOL tests this year.

If you're still unsure of your student's testing status, please check with your student's teacher.

**General Example:** 11<sup>th</sup> grader in English 11 or AP English Lang for Reading verified credit

## SOL May 2021 Testing

Does the student need verified credit (VC) for graduation?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Defer Testing until next year

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Google Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list. Make-up arrangements will be communicated in the fall.

**Option 3:** May use a qualifying sub test score:

- SAT/PSAT/PSAT 10 Reading sub score 21+
- AP Eng Lang Exam (anticipated) score of 2+

Will still need to complete the Intent to Refuse form

No

Does the student need the test for Federal Participation only?

Yes

Option 1: Take the SOL

Student is scheduled to take the test. No further action is needed.

Option 2: Refuse Testing

Please complete the LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form to notify the school of your intentions. Student will be removed from the May test list.

No

The student is not testing. Once students have met federal participation and graduation test requirements, they are no longer scheduled for testing.

## LBSS SOL Refusal Process

**Step 1:** Complete the online form to notify us that you intend to refuse testing for your student.

**Middle School Students:** [LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form](#) for **Middle School**

**High School Students:** [LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form](#) for **High School**

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We would prefer to have your decision by April 26<sup>th</sup> so that we can plan appropriately for how many students will be testing in the building.

**Step 2:** Complete the county-required form, making sure to sign all parent-required agreements, and return to the school no later than Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

(We will complete the student's STI number)

Signed and completed forms may be returned to the school by one of these options:

- Turned in to student's math teacher
- Mailed to the school (ATTN: LBSS Testing)
- Scanned and emailed to: [LBSSTestingCovidRefusal@fcps.edu](mailto:LBSSTestingCovidRefusal@fcps.edu)



## Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Does refusing SOL testing affect our student's class grade or grade promotion?**

*No. Refusing SOL testing has no impact on the student's classroom grade nor does it impede the student from being promoted to the next grade level. However, for high school level courses, the student must still earn the verified credit necessary for graduation.*

- **My student has met the verified credits and federal participation requirements necessary for graduation, do I have to fill out the opt-out form?**

*No, they are not scheduled to test and therefore do not need to complete the form.*

- **Do I have to refuse all my student's tests or can I only select some tests to refuse?**

*You can select which tests you refuse for your student. The online Intent to Refuse form will allow you a drop down menu to select which tests to refuse. It may be common to refuse a test required for Federal Participation only (ex. Reading and Science 8), but decide to still test for a test that is required for verified credit (such as Algebra I).*

- **What's the difference between a normal refusal and a COVID-related refusal?**

*Parents can always refuse state or federal testing for their student at any time. When a parent refuses testing, however, the student is coded as "refusal" and a score of zero is assigned to that student's SOL. Due to the ongoing pandemic, parents may complete a COVID-related refusal in which case "no score" will be reflected for the student's SOL test history. We will assume all parent test refusals are COVID-related this year unless the parent wishes otherwise.*

- **Do SOL scores show on my student's transcript?**

*Scores will appear in a student's SIS account under the testing tab/button. However, student SOL scores do not show up on a student's transcript. Transcripts will reflect whether a student has earned the standard credit (passing the class). For High School SOLs, transcripts will reflect whether not the student has earned the standard credit (pass the class) and verified credit (received the test credit).*

- **Is there a way for my student to take a practice SOL?**

*Students now have the TestNav test software installed on their FCPS on laptop so they can access practice tests and VDOE also releases old tests with answer keys. Those can be found here:*

*[https://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released\\_tests/index.shtml](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/index.shtml)*

- **What is a substitute test and is my student eligible?**

*The Virginia Board of Education has approved certain [substitute tests](#) that can be used for verified credit. Some students, such as those who already took the SAT or PSAT or intend to take the AP English Language exam in May, may qualify for substitute test score for a currently enrolled course. Using the substitute test for verified credit fully meets the graduation requirement for the course. However, any SOL tests that are also used to meet federal testing requirements must still be taken or must be refused. Should you decide to use a substitute test score, please complete the [LBSS SOL COVID Refusal Intention Form](#) for High School.*

# Where can we find additional information about SOL Testing?

*Please visit these FCPS websites for additional information:*

- FCPS Right to Refuse County Page: <https://www.fcps.edu/node/34277>
- FCPS SOL High School Assessment FAQ: <https://www.fcps.edu/node/43148>
- FCPS SOL High School Course Assessment Parent Notification:  
<https://www.fcps.edu/node/43069>
- FCPS Middle School SOL Parent Notification: <https://www.fcps.edu/node/36624>
- VDOE Approved Substitute Tests:  
[https://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/substitute\\_tests/subtests-verified-credit.pdf](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/substitute_tests/subtests-verified-credit.pdf)