

Goochland Middle School

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April 9, 2025

Dear GMS Parent/Guardian,

Our Standards of Learning (SOL) tests are right around the corner! Please be sure to read all of the information below regarding SOL testing. Please notice students enrolled in Life Science (May 16th), US History (May 9th), and Word Geo (May 9) will have asynchronous day(s). On asynchronous testing days, only the students who are testing will report to school that day. Students who are not testing, and therefore are asynchronous, will have work to complete independently at home.

A pre-planned early release option is available for students on each SOL testing day. Parents/Guardians must complete the [Early Release Request Form](#) by Monday, May 5, 2025. Those students who have completed testing AND have the Early Release Request Form submitted, will be released from the building to meet their rides in the GMS car rider line at 12:15 pm. There are no buses for the early release time, buses will not run until the end of the school day at 3:35 pm.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher via email or call GMS @ 804.556.5320

Date	Testing Schedule
Tuesday, May 6	Reading SOL for all students
Friday, May 9	Civics SOL (students enrolled in Civics should attend school for testing) <i>Asynchronous day for students enrolled in US History & World Geo</i>
Tuesday, May 13	Math SOL for all students
Friday, May 16	Earth Science and Physical Science SOL (Primarily 7th & 8th graders) <i>Asynchronous day for students in Life Science (primarily, but not limited to 6th graders)</i>
Monday, May 19	Reading Expedited Retakes & Makeups
Tuesday, May 20	Civics Expedited Retakes & Makeups
Wednesday, May 21	Math Expedited Retakes & Makeups
Thursday, May 22	Science Expedited Retakes & Makeups

- Students will test on their iPads and MUST bring a FULLY charged iPad to school
- Testing will begin promptly at 9:05; students arriving late may not be able to test, so please make sure your child is on time on the days of their tests. We will hold test sessions if there is a late bus. Students who are absent for a test will take it during a makeup test session.
- [Expedited Retakes](#) are available for students who do not pass, but score a 375-399 on an SOL. In order to take the SOL again, students must be passing the course. Parent permission is required for SOL courses through 8th grade. High School credit courses (ex. Algebra 1, Earth Science) do not require parent permission. [You can give permission here.](#)

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GMS Student Early Release options available, upon parent request, by completing this [FORM](#).

Personal transportation must be arranged (GCPS buses will not run until the end of the school day at 3:35pm)

5/6: All students should report to school for testing

5/9: Students enrolled in Civics should report to school for testing

5/13: All students should report to school for testing

5/16: Students enrolled in Earth Science or Physical Science should report to school for testing

General SOL Testing information

- Students will test on their iPads and **MUST bring a FULLY charged iPad to school**
- On asynchronous days, only the students who are testing will report to school that day. Students who are not testing, and therefore are asynchronous, will have work to complete independently at home.
- Students will report directly to their assigned location upon arrival. Testing locations will be assigned by content class and announced to students closer to the testing date.
- Please help us ensure that your child is well rested and has a healthy breakfast the morning of testing.
- **Testing will begin promptly at 9:05; students arriving late may not be able to test**, so please make sure your child is on time on the days of their tests. We will hold test sessions if there is a late bus.
- Students who are absent for a test will take it during a makeup test session.
- Testing is online. We will provide supplies for all students, including scratch paper and pencils.
- **Students will test on their iPads and MUST bring a FULLY charged iPad to school**
- Students needing extra time to continue testing over the designated testing block will be relocated to an overflow testing location to continue testing, until completed.
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If you have any questions, please contact your student's school counselor.

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