



Keeping you up to date !

Engaging English

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SOL Simulations!

Your 2013 Simulation tests are located in the English Language Arts LOR on School Space.

When you go to pull the test into your classes, you

are required to **link** (not copy). The reason for this is that I need to see combined item analysis results for all of your students. You will still be able to view grades by class but I will be able to view an

item analysis that contains data from all classes across the county.

Remember, these are secure tests! They will be locked May 10th

SOL Prep Sites to Investigate this Nine-Weeks

- ◆ You can print news stories and multiple choice items from the Achieve program or put them in School Space for all students: <http://login.achieve3000.com/>.
- ◆ Check out the Strategies for Reading Non-fiction exercises on SAS. Students can choose one of the passages in the program or you can put in your own. It is all short answer—not multiple choice—but the exercise teaches students to slow down and think about the reading: <http://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/Launch?id=1265>
- ◆ If you just want them to get test practice—not reading comprehension, you can always use the released tests in I Q Poquoson : <http://www.iq.poquoson.org/languagearts.htm>

Where do you stand as we go into SOLs?

| School | NWEA Prediction | Benchmark Prediction | Simulation Scores |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| Brookland | 79.60% | 77.33% | 56% or higher (1383/1680) 82.32% |
| Byrd | 85.60% | 83.67% | |
| Elko | 79.80% | 72.67% | |
| Fairfield | 78.90% | 78.00% | |
| Holman | 94.90% | 96.00% | |
| Hungary Creek | 90.00% | 87.33% | |
| Moody | 91.40% | 90.00% | |
| Pocahontas | 94.90% | n/a | |
| Rolfe | 74.10% | 74.00% | |
| Short Pump | 97.30% | n/a | |
| Tuckahoe | 89.80% | 86.33% | |
| Wilder | 70.70% | 66.00% | |
| Deep Run | n/a | 96.90% | |
| Freeman | n/a | n/a | |
| Glen Allen | n/a | 91.30% | |
| Godwin | n/a | n/a | |
| Henrico | n/a | 95.30% | |
| Hermitage | n/a | 84.60% | |
| Highland Springs | n/a | 89.20% | |
| Tucker | n/a | 94.60% | |
| Varina | n/a | 96.10% | |
| Total | 85.58% | 86% | |

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“Teachers must become facilitators in their classrooms because when students ask questions and find the answers for themselves, they get involved in their own learning.”

Summer Trainings

Looking to add some skills to your toolbox this summer? Here are some summer SD trainings to consider. All dates and times are tentative. Sessions are NOT paid, but teachers will obtain SD points. Registrations for these items will be located in the ERO system.



H.S. Teacher Evaluation Updates

Date: July 1
Time: 8:30-4:00

Vocabulary Exercises

Date: July 9
Time: 8:30-11:30 or 1:00-4:00

Close Reading and Annotation

Date: July 11
Time: 8:30-11:30 or 1:00-4:00

Dialectical Journals/Cornell Notes

Date: July 23
Time: 8:30-11:30 or 1:00-4:00

Novel Study/Integrated Lesson Planning

Date: July 25
Time: 8:30-11:30 or 1:00-4:00

Rewriting Old Assessments with New Stems

Date: July 29
Time: 8:30-4:00

Secondary English Grab-bag

Date: August 22



YES! It's Still Testing Season! Calendar of Events for English

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|---------------|------------------------------------|
| May 9 (8am) | AP Literature and Composition Exam |
| May 10 (8am) | AP Language and Composition Exam |
| May 20-June 7 | SOL Testing Window |

