

Did You Know?

Updated SOL Requirements, Updated Graduation Requirements, and Exam Exemptions

1. How many verified credits does a student need to earn?

Verified credit requirements are determined by the student's grade level and diploma type and are summarized in the chart below:

Class of 2022, 2023, 2024, etc. Standard <u>OR</u> Advanced Diploma	Class of 2019, 2020, 2021 Standard <u>Diploma</u>	Class of 2019, 2020, 2021 <u>Advanced</u> Diploma
<u>5 TOTAL:</u> 1 Reading 1 Writing 1 Math* 1 Science** 1 History	<u>6 TOTAL:</u> 1 Reading 1 Writing 1 Math* 1 Science** 1 History 1 Student Select (from Math, Science, or History)	<u>9 TOTAL:</u> 1 Reading 1 Writing 2 Math* 2 Science** 2 History 1 Student Select (from Math, Science, or History)

*Students who pass Algebra I and/or Geometry SOL tests in *middle school* are required to take 1 math SOL in grades 9-12 for Federal Accountability.

**Students who pass the Earth Science SOL in 8th/9th grade are required to take the Biology SOL for Federal Accountability.

2. How will my student know which SOL to take in the Spring 2019 Testing Administration?

Students will meet or have met with their counselors and were advised which SOLs were required and what options to consider for student select (if necessary).

3. What if my student only needs 1 Student Select SOL, but he/she isn't sure which one to take.

Students discuss which Student Select SOL options are available with the school counselor. Students are scheduled to test for each potential opportunity to maximize their opportunities to fulfill their diploma requirements. Once a student has completed the 1 Student Select SOL, no additional opportunities to complete the Student Select SOL will be necessary.

4. How will SOL scores be communicated with students?

Teachers will post SOL results in the gradebook. The result is **not** counted as a grade; and, this is the most expedient way of sharing the information with all students at this time. If scores are unavailable on the same day of testing, students will sit for any designated SOL test the following day, or they may be notified the following morning.

5. Do students have any choice as to which SOLs to take?

Yes, students who are part of the class of 2019, 2020, or 2021 may choose their Student Select SOL! Counselors discuss with students what the options are available to them, and they decide which Student Select SOL(s) would be best to sit for in the Spring Testing Administration. First year freshmen, class of 2022 and beyond, do not have any Student Select SOLs to take.

6. What if my student does not need any more SOLs but wants to take “X” SOL?

No. Under the revised Standards of Accreditation, students may not take any extra SOL tests once all required verified credits have been met and the federal requirement has been met.

7. What happens if my student qualifies for an expedited retake?

Typically, students may retake an SOL if they score between 375-399. If a student only needs 1 additional verified credit and achieves it on another SOL test, the student may still participate in the expedited retake attempt, even when they have met the verified credit requirement.

8. How does my student earn an exam exemption?

Students earn exam exemptions if they pass an SOL with a score of at least 400 (minimum passing score). The final grade is averaged 50/50. Students who earn a 500 (minimum *advanced* passing score), automatically receive an “A” for their exam grade. In addition, seniors who earn an A for 3rd marking period as well as for 4th marking period may be exempt from an exam. If a student passes an SOL OR a senior earns the 2 As, the student still has the option to take the exam if they so choose.

9. What are the SOL requirements for students who have transferred to Woodside?

Students and parents should meet with their school counselor to discuss which verified credit requirements must be met. This can vary depending on the students’ grade level and date of enrollment.

10. What if I want my student to take an SOL for extra practice, even if it is not needed?

Parents have the choice of opting their students in for additional SOL tests by submitting the request in writing. However, the test(s) will not earn a student an exam exemption nor will it influence a student’s graduation status.