

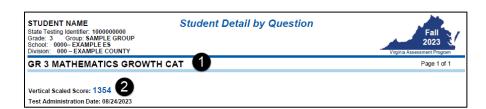
A Parent's Guide to Understanding the 2023-2024 Growth Assessments* for 3rd Grade Students

Virginia students take Growth Assessments in Math and Reading in the fall and winter and the Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments in the spring. During the fall and winter, teachers are using the results of these tests to understand how much students learned. As partners to our teachers and students, we have created this guide for any parent or caregiver who would like to learn more about the tests and how results can be used to celebrate growth and advocate for additional support, such as tutoring, to strengthen foundational skills.

Let's get started!

*Note: this guide is a complement to the recently shared parent resources found <u>here</u>. If you are new to growth assessments, please visit the link and read the <u>ALL In Parent Letter and Guide</u>, <u>Score Report at a Glance</u>, and the <u>Guiding</u> Questions for Caregivers and Parents.

 Locate your child's Student Detail by Question (SDBQ) report for the Fall or Winter Growth Assessment for each test (label 1).



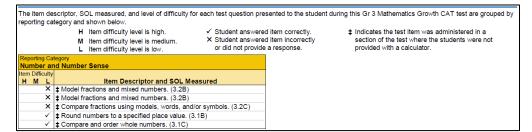
Right now, teachers are looking at your child's

growth assessment score which tells us how close they are to being proficient (on grade level).

2. Find your child's growth assessment score (label 2), called Vertical Scaled Score on the report. Using the chart below, find the range that includes your child's score and read the information related to that number. Example: A score of 1478 in Grade 3 Mathematics is a score that says your child is generally well prepared, on grade level, and will not receive additional tutoring.

	Based on your child's score on the growth assessment, your child:		
	needs additional support.	is at risk.	is generally well prepared.
Grade 3 Mathematics	900 - 1366	1367 - 1477	1478 and above
Grade 3 Reading	900 - 1406	1407 - 1550	1551 and above

- 3. Please open the **Guiding Questions for Caregivers and Parents** as you continue to review the report.
- A question-by-question description of everything covered on your student's test is what we want to look at next. Locate the charts that look like this on the report.



5. Information on the **SDBQ Report** is divided into groups called **Reporting Categories**, such as "Number and Number Sense." Each question's difficulty level is provided. Questions may be low, medium, or high difficulty. A 'check' shows that a question was answered correctly, and an 'x' shows that a question was answered incorrectly.

Item descriptors describe the content and skills for each test question. **The tested SOL** appears at the end of the item descriptor. On the growth assessments, your child may have received questions for SOL that are above or below their current grade level.

6. To understand how well your child performed in different reporting categories, **look for questions with the same or similar descriptors**. This shows you how well your child did with different questions addressing the same content and skills.

Answering questions about the same content and skills correctly shows that your child has some understanding in this area. Answering questions about the same content and skills incorrectly shows that your child may benefit from more support and practice in this area. If your child answers some questions with the same or similar descriptions correctly and others incorrectly, this inconsistency indicates that your child may benefit from additional practice with this content or skill.

7. Next, using the Student Detail by Question report, take a few minutes to answer the questions found in the <u>Guiding</u> Questions for Caregivers and Parents copied here for your convenience.

Name of the test that you're reviewing:			
What is the VERTICAL SCALED SCORE? (hint- number between 900-2000)			
Look at the REPORTING CATEGORIES, one at a time and tally the number of items they got right High Medium Low Now go back to the REPORTING CATEGORIES and tally the number of items they got wrong X High Medium Low			
Using your highlighter or other colorful writing tool, highlight the questions that all have the same SOL Measured (number and letter), and write down the SOLs measured that have the most X			
These are the opportunities for growth this year through tutoring and teacher guided support!			

- 8. If your child's scores show that they may need tutoring, you are encouraged to contact their school to see what help is available.
- 9. Bookmark the Virginia Department of Education website page for <u>ALL In Tutoring</u> as a resource for educators and families this year. Additional resources are available online to assist you in supporting your child. Visit the <u>Parent and Caregiver Resources</u> for Virginia Assessments for more information.