



Dear Sixth and Seventh Grade families,

In 2014, the General Assembly amended Virginia code 22.1-253.13.3 C to eliminate the state developed Standards of Learning online multiple-choice assessments in US History I and US History II and replace them with locally developed alternative assessments. Like the SOL assessments, the Local Alternative Assessments are designed to measure student learning of the content standards. In accordance with the Virginia Department of Education, all students in sixth and seventh grade must take alternative assessments to replace the eliminated Virginia Standards of Learning assessments that assessed the social studies standards for US History I and US History II. The Local Alternative Assessments are meant to engage students in critical thinking and use evidence to perform the assigned task. Newport News Public Schools administers Local Alternative Assessments to all sixth and seventh grade students in social studies class. Teachers will notify families of the student's academic performance after each assessment has been administered. Local Performance Assessments will be administered to all sixth and seventh grade students during each marking period, for a total of four performance assessments over the course of the year.

Thank you for your support,

The NNPS Curriculum and Development Department