



How Do You Want to Grow?

Check out these upcoming opportunities!

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Important Notes

Mandatory Training in Vector Solutions is due October 15th! Having trouble accessing? See your local ITRT.

The “SMART Goal Setting” completion date has been extended to November 15th!

Professional Leave Directions

Requesting leave to attend a conference/PD event

Recording independent professional development in Vector Solutions

Guideline for entering leave in Frontline

Paid Opportunities



CHOICE CoP Facilitator



Receive \$2000 for PD of your choice! Virginia Ed Strategies is currently seeking energetic, driven individuals to serve as CHOICE Community of Practice Facilitators. To be considered, candidates must have considerable knowledge and experience teaching HS math, science, computer science, or CTE courses in Virginia, supporting the growth of high school teachers, and effectively using both learning management systems and virtual meeting technologies.

- Want more info? Visit the [CHOICE program overview page](#)!
- Want to apply? Fill out [this application form](#)!



Aviation Teacher Grant

Virginia Department of Aviation Teachers Grant is open to all Virginia teachers in grades K-12. One teacher per school can receive up to \$500 for teaching an aviation-themed lesson that enhances their students' learning experiences. Past grants have been used for model planes and rockets, drones, field trips, and art supplies. Find out more [information](#) today!



Continuing Education & Opportunities

→ **CodeVA**

Check out the fall PD offered by Code Virginia. These free courses are excellent ways to build your toolbox for all things computer science. CodeVA also shares all of their materials. You can view it all online in their Google Drive (open access is already granted!)

→ **Virtual Virginia's Professional Learning Program**

Get empowered to explore new instructional practices and the flexibility to achieve more - all at your own pace. Virtual Virginia offers online professional learning opportunities for all VA public School educators at no cost.

Check out their website and select from dozens of options!

→ **Amazon Web Services Programs**

AWS GetIT is a fully funded education program and friendly competition designed to inspire 12-14 year old students, especially girls, to gain digital skills, learn more about technology, and feel empowered to explore STEM. The VDOE is looking for teachers or ITRT's that want to innovate and pioneer this new technology and explore opportunities! Contact Dr. Susan Clair for more information.

→ **Mastery Connect / Instructure**

Mastery Connect has you covered! Not only does their newsletter have announcements, office hours, etc but it also offers webinars! Coming up on November 14th is a webinar on "All Things Assessment." Click here to register for free.

→ **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Opportunity for Your Classroom**

Videoconference in the galleries with a museum educator, who will invite students to make personal connections with objects and expand their understanding of topics being explored in the classroom. Sessions are designed to help students hone creative, critical, and reflective thinking skills as they engage with and interpret works of art. Available for grades 3-12, Distance learning sessions are:

- FREE & Approximately 50 minutes
- Aligned with SOL standards and designed to enhance learning across the curriculum
- Formatted for inquiry-based learning.

To learn more or request a session, please visit the museum's website.



Virginia College & University Programs

→ Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech has offerings for Masters, EdS, and Doctoral programs at your fingertips. Check out their website below for great opportunities to add on a degree!

[Educational Leadership and Policy Studies](#)

→ M. Ed. in K-12 Special Education General Curriculum

Regent University's M.Ed. K-12 Special Education General Curriculum Licensure Program is designed for those seeking a K-12 Special Education teaching license. This online, 30-credit state-approved licensure program offers courses in 8-week sessions each semester. Find out more [information](#) or contact rachcop@regent.edu.

→ Advanced Literacy Learning Opportunities

Interested in strengthening your literacy teaching or becoming a reading specialist? Already a literacy leader and want to advance your skills in coaching? The Literacy Program at George Mason University offers hybrid and fully online master's and graduate certificate [options](#).

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→ University of Lynchburg

The University of Lynchburg is offering VDOE approved asynchronous online programs in:

- SpEd General Curriculum
- SpEd Adapted Curriculum
- Early Childhood Special Education

Interested? Reach out to Andrew Bruce, department chair of Special Education bruce.aa@lynchburg.edu

