



POQUOSON SCHOOLS SUPPORTING EDUCATORS



How Do You Want to Grow?

Check out these upcoming opportunities!

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Important Notes

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

PCPS will be having an adapted version of SPARK on Feb 7th. More details about that day are to come!

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!](#)



VCTM PD Grants

The Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Ena Gross Professional Development Grants, as well as the Karen Dee Michalowicz First Timers Grants. First round of applications are due December 15th. For more information, review the [VCTM Grants and Scholarships Table](#) website. If you would like to apply for any of these grants, Kelly Purdie is more than happy to help!



Continuing Education & Opportunities



VCTM Annual Conference

The Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics will host their annual conference "Math Adventures" to be held June, 17-18 in Williamsburg. Those interested in sharing their expertise with colleagues from across the Commonwealth should submit proposals by November 4. Early bird registration is open until March 1. Conference updates will be posted on the [VCTM](#) webpage.



K12 Mathematics Textbook Review Committee (VDOE)

VDOE is seeking nominations from division superintendents for individuals who are qualified and available to serve on committees to review K-12 mathematics textbooks beginning in November 2023. Nominees should be teachers, mathematics specialists, or curriculum supervisors who have expertise with the content areas and the standards. Selected members will be asked to review the submitted textbooks and submit correlation worksheets to VDOE for final review of all submitted materials. All individuals who wish to serve on one of the review committees must submit an application through the Web-based process, [Instruction Committee Application Processing System \(ICAPS\)](#). The completed application requires a professional reference and division approval and are due by November 2. Questions? Contact vdoe.mathematics@doe.virginia.gov



Technology Credentials

Four credential opportunities are available, with two tracks for teachers and other education personnel and two tracks for technology/infrastructure personnel. Each will include a series of webinars and a brief online course. Participants who successfully complete a track will earn a certificate and digital badge worth five hours of professional learning. [Register](#) for the webinar series.



Workshop for VDOE Teacher Evaluation System

Join Learning Forward Virginia and Stronge & Associates to learn more about how to support the implementation of the revised VDOE Teacher Evaluation System. Workshop topics include: Teacher Performance Evaluation System for Evaluators, Making Summative Decisions/Inter-rater Reliability, and Formative Feedback to Support Teacher Growth. Sign up for all sessions and receive a discount or sign up for each session a la carte! Visit [Learning Forward VA](#) for more information or [register](#) 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!

→ **Monthly Educational Technology Chat**

The Office of Educational Technology and Classroom Innovation hosts a monthly chat for ITRTs, School Librarians, and educators leading the integration of educational technologies in the classroom. No need to register; the chat will not be recorded!
November 13th at 4:00 PM

Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 212 199 186 516
Passcode: M9khPJ

→ **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.



Professional Articles

→ **5 Strategies to Build Family Engagement**

Family involvement in students' education has been consistently demonstrated to have a positive impact on student attendance, grades, behavior and social skills. In increasingly diverse communities, building school and classroom environments...

→ **Considering Student Needs for Assistive Technology**

To assist IEP teams with considering student needs for assistive technology (AT), the Virginia Assistive Technology, Tools, and Strategies (VATTS) Consideration Guide and Resources is now available. These resources will help IEP teams increase consistency and comprehensiveness...

→ **Cultivating an Integrated System of Support for Behavior: A 5-Article Series**

We've spent the last month creating a five-article series that focuses on supporting student behavior, which begins with teachers co-creating positive classroom communities for learning where all students experience a sense of belonging and family engagement...

→ **Math News You Can Use**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! A new school year means updates are available in the area of mathematics. Below are a few that are noteworthy. ****NEW**** 2023 Mathematics Standards of Learning were approved by the Virginia Board of Education...

→ **Testing vs. Teaching Questions**

Reading a book with your class should be an engaging and immersive experience. One storybook strategy we often draw attention to is questioning, since it is something that should occur before, during and after reading activities. Traditional questions are often aimed at...

→ **Try These VESOL Lesson Plans that Promote Cross-Content Instruction**

If you use the Virginia Essentialized Standards of Learning (VESOL) in your daily instruction, then it is likely that you are tasked with teaching multiple content areas to your class. Perhaps you are responsible for teaching Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies...



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.

→ **Longwood Programs**

Longwood University offers a variety of courses for licensure requirements and professional development for provisionally licensed teachers and teachers seeking recertification points. Available courses include Foundations of Education, Classroom and Behavior Management, Reading and Writing Instruction in the Content Areas, Human Growth and Development, and more. Additional [information](#) is available about these online eight-week courses at a discounted professional studies tuition rate.

→ **William & Mary Reading Specialist**

Consider the William & Mary School of Education to earn your Post-Professional Certificate as a Reading Specialist. Literacy leaders are master teachers who provide essential leadership for the school's overall literacy program and play a key role in leading and supporting teachers to become more effective practitioners in literacy teaching. The post-professional certificate is a 21-credit, fully online program. Designed for certified teachers to add a Reading Specialist endorsement to their current teaching license. Visit the [website](#) or email graded@wm.edu for more information.

→ **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

