



POQUOSON SCHOOLS SUPPORTING EDUCATORS



How Do You Want to Grow?

Check out these upcoming opportunities!

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Important Notes

Are you a math teacher? Get a head start and take a look at the [2026 NAEP Framework](#) and its alignment with VA SOLs.

ICYMI: [VDOE Educational Technology Plan](#)

The VDOE has launched it's Virginia Licensure Online System ([VALO](#)) to help with the teacher licensure process and make renewals more user-friendly.

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



VA Academy of Science Mentorship Program

Each year, the Virginia Academy of Science (VAS) offers its mentorship program for K-12 classrooms across Virginia, pairing scientists with K-12 classrooms to conduct long-term science projects. If you are interested in a mentor or are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact [Dr. Mike Wolyniak](#).



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? [Get your name on the list](#)!



Continuing Education & Opportunities

→ **2024 Chesapeake Bay Climate Institute**

The Virginia Geographic Alliance and Maryland Geographic Alliance present the 2024 Chesapeake Bay Climate Institute. Early career, pre-service, and those outside of traditional STEM disciplines are strongly encouraged to apply. There are two Institute options July 21 - 24 or July 24 - July 27. For attending, educators will be awarded 30 re-licensure points for professional development, if desired. Participants who develop and implement a post-institute learning activity will receive a \$50 stipend. Apply BEFORE March 1!

→ **VVA Professional Learning Program**

Virtual Virginia empowers educators to explore new instructional practices and the flexibility to achieve more—all at their own pace for all Virginia public school educators at no cost. The Office of Educational Technology and Classroom Innovation highly recommends the following courses: Launching Computer Science: 2023-2024, Creative and Critical Thinking with Art (VMFA), Statewide LMS Credentials, Introduction to OER (GoOpenVA), Leveraging the Power of Virtual Learning (VDOE Spring Semester 2024).

→ **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.

→ **Summer History PD**

The Virginia Museum of History and Culture has just posted two summer professional development opportunities. Both are a week-long in July and offer stipends and travel scholarships. Register for Story of Virginia, week of July 8 and/or Our Commonwealth, week of July 22.

→ **PBS - ActiVAtED Learning**

This new podcast produced by Blue Ridge PBS offers energizing and insightful stories of using technology to inspire students. Watch/Listen to previous podcasts or watch the next one by two teachers who share thoughts on assistive technology for ALL students.

→ **CodeVA**

Check out the spring 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!)



Virginia College & University Programs

→ **James Madison University**

James Madison University is accepting applications for a fully online M.Ed. in Literacy Education that leads to Reading Specialist Endorsement. [Apply](#) or visit the [Literacy Program website](#) for more information or contact [Dr. Mark Lewis](#).

→ **Longwood Programs**

Provisionally licensed teachers and teachers seeking recertification points – Longwood offers a variety of online [courses](#) for licensure requirements and professional development. Available courses include Foundations of Education, Classroom and Behavior Management, Reading and Writing Instruction in the Content Areas, Human Growth and Development, and more!

→ **Marymount University**

Marymount University's School of Education [online](#) Special Education Certificate program is designed for individuals who are passionate about working with students with disabilities and want to gain the skills to succeed. As a Program graduate, you will be well-prepared to work with students with disabilities in various settings. For more information contact [Dr. Nicci T. Dowd](#).

Also available is a fully online and asynchronous M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision. Contact [Dr. Marcia Baldanza](#) for more information.

→ **Shenandoah University**

Need licensure or classes for recertification? Considering earning a PhD? ODU has offerings starting this summer that might be helpful! Email [Mickey Kosloski](#), for more information.

→ **William & Mary Special Education Programs**

William & Mary is offering a 25% discount for those interested in obtaining a Special Education certificate (K-6 & 6-12) and/or Master in Education in Special Education. Questions? Get course descriptions from Kelly Purdie or Heather Worthen or reach out to W&M directly by contacting Dot Osborne at dsosbo@wm.edu

→ **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

→ **Teacher Licensure Completion (TLC) Program**

The University of Richmond's [Teacher Licensure Completion](#) Program provides provisionally licensed educators free VCLA and Praxis licensure testing vouchers, licensure completion advising, additional instructional coaching support, and deeply discounted coursework toward licensure completion. Provisionally licensed teachers in high need schools in the Richmond-area school divisions should contact [Megan Kertis](#), TLC Program Administrator & Advisor, to discuss next steps.