



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.



K-5 Curriculum Writers for Reading / Writing

Get additional pay for your hard work! Poquoson Schools is looking for K-5 educators to help map standards to our new literacy textbooks, create pacing guides and unit plans, etc.- while using the Understanding by Design model. Training will be included and there will be significant compensation upon the completion of curriculum products.

Mandatory training will be required on June 10-12. If you are unable to attend but are still interested, please reach out to Mrs. Brown.

Complete the interest form to be considered!



Continuing Education & Opportunities

→ **SURN Asynchronous Summer PD**

Select a topic to dive into this summer! William & Mary offer incredible professional learning opportunities and this summer is no exception. Those who complete a course will receive a certificate for 30 hours of professional learning at William & Mary, and the non-credit bearing course will be posted to their William & Mary transcript.

- Mentoring Novice Teachers
- Instructional Coaching
- Teaching for the 5C's
- Cultivating Student Engagement
- Project Based Learning
- Meaningful Formative Assessment
- Multilingual Learners 101

All courses are \$175 and run from June 23- July 27. Expect about 4-6 hours of work per week. Read more [HERE](#). See Kelly Purdie if you are interested in seeking financial assistance for these great opportunities!

→ **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.

→ **Science Standards**

VDOE is hosting roundtable discussions to obtain feedback from educators, parents, and other stakeholders on the 2018 Science Standards of Learning. Feedback garnered from the roundtable discussions will inform the revision process for the 2025 Science Standards of Learning. Roundtable sessions will be available virtually and in-person at the times and dates indicated [here](#). Feedback can be provided through the [Comments on the 2018 Science Standards of Learning](#) form or by emailing comments to vdoe.science@doe.virginia.gov. Comments must be received by May 31.

→ **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 \(VDOE Spring Semester 2024\)](#).

→ **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.

→ **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.

→ **VCU: Reading Specialists**

VCU is still accepting applications to the [Post-Masters](#) for Reading Specialists and [M.Ed.](#) in Reading: Reading Specialist program for summer or fall! [Submit your application](#) today.

→ **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.