

**SCHOOL BOARD
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**School Administration Building
Einstein Lab
July 23, 2025 1:30 PM**

Attending: Carolyn Weems, Mark Bohensiel, Sharon Felton, Cheryl Woodhouse, Kamala Lannetti, Laura Beth Mattson

I. Call to Order:

II. Adopt the Agenda:

III. Adopt Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025:

IV. Old Business:

- A. Policy 6- (33 or 36) Internet Safety Policy

V. New Business:

- A. Bylaw 1-36 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- B. Policy 2-57 Staff Members as Consultants Outside the School Division
- C. Policy 3-12 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- D. Policy 3-14 School Board Funds
- E. Policy 3-16 Local Funds: Virginia Beach Education Foundation, Inc.
- F. Policy 3-17 State Funds
- G. Policy 3-18 Federal Funds
- H. Policy 4-57 Licensed Personnel: Contracts
- I. Policy 6-39 Mathematics

VI. Other Business:

VII. Next Meeting: August 27, 2025, at 1:30 pm

VIII. Adjourn: pm

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**School Administration Building
Einstein Lab
June 25, 2025 1:30 PM**

Attending: Carolyn Weems, Mark Bohenstiel, Sharon Felton, Matthew Delaney, Dannielle Hall-McIvor, Simone Boothe, Laura Beth Mattson, Danielle Colucci, Charlie Hinsch, Darnita Trotman, Stephanie Enzmann, Leeane Turnbull

I. Call to Order: 1:30pm

II. Adopt the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

III. Adopt Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025:

Motion to adopt the minutes from the May 21, 2025 Policy Review Committee meeting made by Mr. Bohenstiel. Second by Ms. Felton.
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

IV. Old Business:

A. Policy 6-10 Guest Speakers

Ms. Mattson explained that the policy was written to align with the new regulation. Discussion followed regarding the language in the regulation and if it includes some of the language removed from this policy. Ms. Mattson explained that the regulation goes into more detail and that she will provide the regulation to the Committee Members prior to the next School Board meeting.

Motion to send Policy 6-10, as amended, to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Mr. Bohenstiel. Second by Ms. Felton.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

V. New Business:

A. Policy 4-91 Observation Students, Practicum Students, Student Teachers, and Interns

Ms. Mattson provided an explanation of the changes and introduced Dr. Trotman and Ms. Enzmann to answer any questions as needed. Discussion followed regarding the new language being developed with the assistance of the Department of Legal Services and the requirement of the background check.

Motion to send Policy 4-91 to the next School Board meeting on Information was made by Ms. Weems. Second by Ms. Felton.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

1:43 p.m. Dr. Trotman and Ms. Enzmann left the meeting.

B. Policy 5-18 Attendance Records

Ms. Mattson explained the recommended scrivener's change.

Motion to send Policy 5-18, as amended, to the next School Board meeting on information made by Ms. Felton. Second: by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

C. Policy 5-43 Threats

Ms. Mattson explained that this policy was brought forward because of the 5-year review requirement and the only changes are the updates to the legal references. Discussion followed regarding the title of the code section related to health care providers, it was confirmed that the title is exactly as it is written in the Virginia Code, and that activities outside of the school and school hours could be subject to discipline if those activities become a distract at school.

Motion to send Policy 5-43, as amended, to the next School Board meeting on information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

D. Policy 5-44 Sexual Harassment, sexual violence, and inappropriate sexual conduct prohibited- students

There are no proposed changes to this policy, it is up for the 5-year review.

There was discussion about the new policy coming down about Title IX, but this policy is up to date currently. If anything new comes up the policy can be brought to this Committee to make the appropriate changes.

Motion to send Policy 5-44 to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Weems. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

E. Policy 5-62 Student-Athletes-Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Awareness

Ms. Mattson explained that this policy is being reviewed for the 5-year requirement but was reviewed against what was recently discussed in the General Assembly and there are no new changes as of right now. Annual training requirements for staff were reviewed along with protections for staff who administer first aid in the event an injury occurs to the victim.

Motion to send Policy 5-62 to the next School Board meeting on Information was made by Mr. Bohenstiel. Second by Ms. Felton.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

F. Policy 5-66 Student Directory Information

Ms. Mattson explained that this policy is being reviewed for the 5-year requirement and that the legal references have been updated. There was discussion on how parents are notified of the opt out requirement and how this relates to FERPA.

Motion to send Policy 5-66, as amended, to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

G. Policy 5-76 Homeless Children and Youth

Ms. Mattson explained there are no recommended changes and this policy is being reviewed for the 5-year requirement. Ms. Felton asked how the division is doing with McKinney Vento assistance funding. Mr. Delaney provided there are no concerns about funding. Schools are prepared to provide support to homeless students. Ms. Felton requested the budget numbers and the number of students being served. Mr. Delaney explained that the number of students will fluctuate throughout the year but can provide the numbers up to when they are pulled. There was further conversation regarding stability for students in the school and the stigma attached to provided services.

Motion to move Policy 5-76 to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Weems. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

H. Policy 6-36(66) Internet Safety Policy

Ms. Mattson explained that this policy was drafted based on a Virginia Senate Bill that was passed in February of this year and this is a brand new policy. Ms. Colucci shared that this topic would briefly be presented at the upcoming School Board

Retreat. Ms. Colucci would like the opportunity to discuss this policy and related Policy 6-41 further with Ms. Lannetti in attendance and requested that this policy be brought back to the next Committee meeting for further discussion.

Motion to bring back the Internet Safety Policy to the next Policy Review Committee meeting made by Ms. Weems. Second by Ms. Felton.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

VI. **Other Business:** None

VII. **Next Meeting:** July 23, 2025, 1:30 pm; August 27, 2025, 1:30pm; September 24, 2025, 3:30pm

VIII. **Adjourn:** 2:21 pm

INSTRUCTION

Internet Safety Policy

Safe and responsible use of internet resources is an important component of preparing students to be productive citizens. Therefore, the School Board adopts this Internet Safety Policy to promote safe and responsible use of the Internet within the School Division, supporting students, educators, and families. Aligned with the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) guidance, this Policy emphasizes digital citizenship, ensuring that individuals navigate the digital world with respect, integrity, and empathy. It also promotes digital wellness, media literacy, and internet safety through actionable guidelines, encouraging a balanced approach to technology use. Critical components of supporting school safety involve the infusion of digital access, use, and design practices as well as engagement in conversations about digital citizenship and internet safety. In addition, resources and assistance programs must be available for any student or parent who may have encountered online solicitation by sexual predators or other illegal online communications or activities. The School Board authorizes the Superintendent or designees to develop regulations and/or procedures that are consistent with Virginia Department of Education regulations and other applicable law regarding internet safety.

Related links:

Policy 6-62 Computer systems

Policy 6-64 Acceptable Use Policy

Legal references:

Code of Virginia §22.1-24.2, as amended. Internet Safety Advisory Council.

Virginia Board of Education, *Model Policy on Internet Safety*. (2025)

Adopted by School Board: June 2025

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS

Open Meetings and Closed Meetings

A. Open Meetings

Meetings of the School Board shall be open to the public except those meetings when the School Board adjourns to a closed meeting as allowed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. When health, safety or emergency conditions exist that are not conducive to accommodating in person observation of School Board meetings, the Chair and the Superintendent or designees are authorized determine other means by which the public may observe the meeting.

B. Closed Meetings

1. Authority/Attendees

The Code of Virginia permits closed meetings to discuss specific topics in private. Closed meetings must be convened by affirmative vote in open session of the majority of the School Board Members in attendance at the meeting. No vote may be taken in Closed Meetings. School Board Members may poll each other regarding the intent of the School Board to act but no action that requires a vote of the School Board may take place in closed session unless otherwise authorized by law. In open session immediately following any closed meeting, the School Board Members must certify by an affirmative vote that no matter was discussed in closed meeting that was not encompassed in the topics authorized in the motion to convene in closed meeting. Any School Board Member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements for closed session set forth in Virginia Code § 2.2-3712, as amended, shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in the School Board Member's judgment, has taken place. The statement shall be recorded in the minutes of the School Board.

Closed meetings are attended by School Board Members. The School Board may invite persons to attend closed meetings to provide necessary information.

2. Minutes

The School Board Clerk or designee shall attend closed meetings (unless expressly excused) for the purpose of taking brief minutes. These minutes which shall be part of the School Board's official minutes shall include:

- a. Date, time and place of meeting.

- b. Record of all persons in attendance.
- c. Motion for Closed Meetings.
- d. Certification of Closed Meetings; and
- e. Any action taken.

Closed meetings shall not be recorded with the exception of student discipline hearings, employee discipline or license revocation hearings or other matters authorized by law.

3. Confidentiality of Closed Meeting items

School Board Members who access or discuss information or materials in preparation for or during closed meetings will maintain all such information in a confidential manner. School Board Members will not record or copy such confidential information. Unauthorized persons may not be provided access to confidential information. Personal notes taken while preparing for or attending closed meeting should be destroyed as soon as the closed session matters are concluded or should be turned over to the School Board Clerk or School Board Legal Counsel to maintain in a confidential manner and in accordance with applicable record keeping requirements. Failure to protect the confidentiality of closed session material or information may constitute sufficient reason to restrict that School Board Member from participating in future closed sessions or serving on School Board Committees that handle confidential items.

C. Electronic communication meetings during declared states of emergency

The School Board may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the School Board physically assembled at one location when the Governor or the City of Virginia Beach has declared a state of emergency and the following conditions are met:

- 1. the catastrophic nature of the declared state of emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location,
- 2. the purpose of the meeting is to address the continuity of operations of the School Board and School Division or the discharge of the School Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities,
- 3. under other conditions allowed by the Governor or the Virginia General Assembly and adopted by the School Board,
- 4. The School Board must give public notice using the best available method given the nature of the emergency, which notice shall be given contemporaneously with the notice provided to School Board Members,

5. Agenda packets and all nonexempt materials should be available electronically or at all locations where public access will be provided and at the same time as the meeting,
6. Arrangements must be made for the public to access the meeting through electronic means. When the School Board determines, or the Chair or designee determine (when there is insufficient time for the School Board to act) that in person observation is unreasonable or unsafe under the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee will arrange for electronic or, telephonic access for the public if reasonably possible or the meeting will be recorded and made available to review when such means are not available. Provide the public with the opportunity to comment at those meetings when public comment is customarily received.
7. The meeting minutes must state the nature of the emergency, the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means, and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held.
8. Votes taken during any such meeting shall be recorded by the name in the roll-call fashion and included in the minutes.
9. School Board Committees may follow the same procedures for electronic meetings.
10. The Clerk of the School Board or designee will make a written report of such meeting as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

D. Remote location participation in meetings

School Board Members may participate in School Board Meetings or School Board Committee Meetings through electronic communication means from a remote location that is not open to the public under conditions set forth in this Bylaw.

1. Temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents physical attendance
 - a. On or before the day of a meeting, a School Board Member must notify the School Board Chair for School Board Meetings or the School Board Committee Chair for Committee Meetings that the School Board Member is unable to attend the meeting due to: i) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the School Board Member's physical attendance; or ii) a medical condition of a member of the School Board Member's family requires the School Board Member to provide care that prevents the School Board Member's physical attendance.
 - 1) A member of a School Board's family will follow the definition of a family member set forth in

Regulation 4-55.1, as amended, or the Family Medical Leave Act, as amended.

2) Caregiver means an adult who provides care for a person with a disability as defined in Code of Virginia § 51.5-40.1, as amended. A caregiver shall be either related by blood, marriage, or adoption to or be the legally appointed guardian of the person with a disability for whom the caregiver is caring.

- b. The Chair or designee will note during the meeting that the School Board Member is remotely participating due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the School Board Member's physical attendance. The general location from which the School Board Member participates will be included in the meeting minutes, but the exact nature of the disability or medical condition does not need to be announced publicly or be included in the meeting minutes. For the purposes of determining whether a quorum is physically assembled, an individual member of the School Board, who is a person with a disability as defined in Code of Virginia § 51.5-40.1, as amended, and uses remote participation counts toward the quorum as if the School Board Member is physically present.
 - c. A School Board Member's ability to remotely participate due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition of the School Board Member or a family member will not be limited in number as long as such remote participation: i) does not create an unreasonable hardship for the School Board or the Committee to administer; ii) does not unreasonably interfere with the School Board's or the Committee's ability to conduct its business; and/or iii) the School Board Member can clearly be heard and/or seen through the method of remote participation throughout each meeting. Before limiting continued remote participation pursuant to this subsection, the School Board or the Committee members must vote to discontinue the remote participation.
2. Personal matter prevents physical attendance
- a. On or before the day of a meeting, a School Board Member must notify the School Board Chair for School Board Meetings or the School Board Committee Chair for Committee meetings that the School Board Member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter and must identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter.

- b. The Chair will note during the meeting the specific nature of the personal matter and the remote location from which the School Board Member is participating.
 - c. During a calendar year (January 1 – December 31), a School Board Member will be limited to remote participation for personal reasons to three meetings for School Board Meetings and three meetings each for every School Board Committee that the School Board Member is assigned to serve on.
 - d. Once a School Board Member has participated remotely three times that calendar year under this subsection, the Chair or designee will inform a School Board Member that no further remote participation will be allowed during the calendar year for personal reasons.
 - e. Committee Members should be consulted prior to rescheduling a meeting so that Committee Members have the opportunity to participate and do not have to use limited remote participation opportunities.
- 3. A School Board Member's remote location participation shall be counted separately for School Board Meetings and each School Board Committee meeting when considering limitations on use of remote location participation.
 - 4. In any meeting at which one or more School Board Members participates from a remote location: 1) a quorum of the School Board or the School Board Committee must physically assemble at the primary or central meeting location; and 2) the Chair or designee must make arrangements for the voice of the remote participant(s) to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location. No more than two School Board Members can be in the same remote location during a meeting unless that remote location is open to the public to physically access it.
 - 5. The Chair or designee will determine the appropriate method, if reasonably available, for the School Board Member to remotely participate in a meeting.
 - 6. School Board Members may not participate from a remote location in any closed session meeting.
 - 7. Conditions regarding remote location participation may be suspended or modified in accordance with applicable School Board action or resolution, Governor's action, or Virginia General Assembly action.
 - 8. The electronic communications mean used for a meeting will allow the public to hear all members of the public body participating in all virtual public meetings. A phone number or other live contact information is provided to alert the public if the audio or video transmission of the meeting fails, such contact number is

monitored during the meeting, and the School Board or School Board Committee takes a recess until public access is restored if transmission fails for the public.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 2.2-3700, *et seq.*, as amended. Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.2, as amended. Meetings held through electronic communications means during declared states of emergency.

Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.3, as amended. Meetings held through electronic communications means; situations other than states of emergency.

Code of Virginia § 2.2-3712, as amended. Closed meeting procedures; certification of proceedings.

Related Links

School Board [Bylaw 1-28](#)

School Board [Regulation 4-55.1](#)

Adopted by School Board: July 21, 1992

Amended by School Board: September 5, 1995

Amended by School Board: August 17, 1999

Amended by School Board: February 20, 2001

Amended by School Board: May 14, 2002

Amended by School Board: December 2, 2008

Amended by School Board: September 1, 2015

Amended by School Board: August 2, 2016

Amended by School Board: August 25, 2020

Amended by School Board: January 12, 2021

Amended by School Board: February 23, 2021

Amended by School Board: September 28, 2021

Amended by School Board: December 13, 2022

Amended by School Board: November 29, 2023

Amended by School Board: August 13, 2024

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Members as Consultants Outside the School Division

With ~~the administrative approval of the Superintendent,~~ staff members may use ~~leave time approved, earned leave types such as annual leave and personal reasons leave~~ to do private consulting. Private consulting work will not be done on School Division time or with the use of School Division facilities, equipment, computers systems or materials. Staff members are responsible for confirming that the consulting work is not a violation of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act.

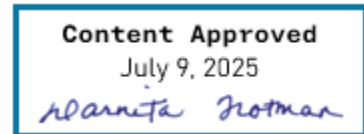
Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 2.2-3100, et seq., as amended. Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.

Adopted by School Board: October 20, 1992

Amended by School Board: December 3, 2013

Amended by School Board: October 29, 2020



BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The School Board, in cooperation with the Superintendent, shall ~~adopt~~^{draft} a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which will project School Division capital needs for a six-year period. Individual capital projects shall be assigned priorities. The Capital Improvement Program shall be reviewed and updated annually. Copies shall be submitted to the School Board for review and consideration. The Long-Range School Facility Master Plan will serve as an ongoing resource for the School Division's anticipated capital improvement needs.

Related Links

~~The~~ Long-Range School Facility Master Plan ~~serves as an ongoing resource for the School Division's anticipated capital improvement needs.~~

Legal References

Code of Virginia § 22.1-100, as amended. Unexpended school and educational funds; capital reserve fund permitted.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-138.1, as amended. School maintenance program established.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-138.3, as amended. Department; school division maintenance reserve tool.

Code of Virginia § 22.1- 140.1, as amended. School Construction Fund and Program.

Adopted by School Board: February 16, 1993
Amended by School Board: February 25, 2020
Amended by School Board

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

School Board Funds

Receipts include such monies as are defined in the legal reference to this Policy. Such funds include monies derived from state and federal appropriations, local appropriations granted by the appropriating body, donations or the income arising therefrom, and any other funds that may be set apart for public school purposes.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-88, as amended. Of what school funds to consist.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-89, as amended. Management of funds.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-89.1, as amended. Management of cafeteria funds.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-91, as amended. Limitation of expenditures; penalty.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-116, as amended. How and by whom funds for school division kept and disbursed.

Adopted by School Board: February 16, 1993
Scrivener's Amendments: September 11, 2014
Amended by School Board: January 28, 2020
Amended by School Board

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Local Funds: Virginia Beach Education Foundation, Inc.

A. Generally

In accordance with applicable law, it is the desire of the School Board to accommodate a nonprofit, nonstock corporation under the name of Virginia Beach City Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. (the "Corporation").

B. Objectives and Purposes

The objectives and purposes of the Corporation are enumerated as follows:

1. To raise private sector support to fund innovative learning programs and initiatives that support the whole child for the students of Virginia Beach City Public Schools and to reward educational excellence.
2. To manage award programs and scholarships, approved by the Education Foundation Board, that offer School Division teachers, staff and scholarship awardees the opportunity to acquire funding that would not otherwise be available through the School Board's operating budget.
3. To develop meaningful opportunities for community members/businesses to be involved with the School Division through initiatives aligned with Education Foundation goals.
4. To assist in making the instruction or training in the vocational education program a more practical and meaningful experience through unique hands-on learning opportunities for students.

Editor's Note

See also the Corporation's bylaws.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 13.1-801, as amended, et seq, Virginia NonStock Corporation Act.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-212.2:2, as amended. Educational technology foundations and public school foundations.

Adopted by School Board: May 21, 1991

Amended by School Board: February 16, 1993

Amended by School Board: June 20, 2006

Scrivener's Amendments: September 11, 2014

Amended by School Board: February 25, 2020

Amended by School Board

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

State Funds

State funds, both categorical and general, are based on objective formulas and are provided to Virginia Beach City Public Schools through the Direct Aid to Public Education budget in the Appropriation Act. The Virginia General Assembly appropriates the funds and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) administers the funding. Funding is appropriated into four major categories (Standards of Quality Programs, Incentive Programs, Categorical Programs, and Lottery Programs).

The Superintendent or designee shall file the required reports and forms to secure the amount of state funds to which the School Division is entitled.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-88, as amended. Of what school funds to consist.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-99, as amended. Approval and certification of apportionment of school funds.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:1, as amended. Standard 1. Instructional programs supporting the Standards of Learning and other educational objectives.

Constitution of Virginia, Article VIII Section 2, as amended. Standards of Quality; State and local support of public schools.

Adopted by School Board: February 16, 1993
Scrivener's Amendments: September 11, 2014
Amended by School Board: February 25, 2020
Amended by School Board

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Federal Funds

The receipt and use of federal funds for a specific project/grant are approved by the School Board and/or the grantors

The School Board shall request of the City Council an appropriation in anticipation of the receipt of federal funds.

The funds for such federally-funded program or project shall be maintained and accounted for in accounts in accordance with state and federal requirements.

Adopted by School Board: February 16, 1993
Scrivener's Amendments: September 11, 2014
Amended by School Board: February 25, 2020
Reviewed by School Board

PERSONNEL

Licensed Personnel: Contracts

A. Contracts

A written contract, in a form prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education, shall be made by the School Board with each teacher employed by it, except those temporarily employed. A temporarily employed teacher means i) one who is employed to substitute for a contracted teacher for a temporary period of time during the contracted teacher's absence or ii) one who is employed to fill a teacher vacancy for a period of time, but for no longer than ninety (90) teaching days in such vacancy ¹, unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on a case-by-case basis, during one school year.

Temporarily employed teachers will sign a Substitute Assignment Sheet or a Temporary Employment Agreement, depending upon the nature of the employment. Such agreement will set forth the terms and conditions of employment and shall provide that there is no promise of continued or future employment by the School Board.

B. Special Covenants

Special covenants relating to each year's contract shall be sent to the teacher at the time the contract for the ensuing year is made. All contracts shall include as a provision or special covenant a condition that the terms of the contracts are issued contingent upon continued appropriation of funds (including receipt of federal and/or state funds) necessary to meet the contracts.

Notes

¹ During the ~~2023-2024~~2025-2026 and ~~2024-2025~~2026-2027 school years, the School Board may employ a temporarily employed teacher to fill such a vacancy for a period of time not to exceed 180 days during one school year.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-302, as amended (2025). Written contracts required; execution of contracts; qualifications of temporarily employed teachers; rules and requirements.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-298.8, as amended. Public elementary and secondary school teachers; certain training activities; frequency.

Virginia Department of Education Regulations 8VAC20-441, as amended. Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel.

Related Links

School Board [Policy 2-50](#)

School Board [Policy 4-1](#)

Adopted by School Board: October 21, 1969

Amended by School Board: August 19, 1975

Amended by School Board: August 21, 1990

Amended by School Board: July 16, 1991

Amended by School Board: July 13, 1993 (Effective August 14, 1993)

Amended by School Board: January 18, 2000

Amended by School Board: June 8, 2004

Amended by School Board: March 27, 2018

Amended by School Board: September 12, 2023

CONTENT APPROVED

July 17, 2025

Marrita Norman

Department of Human Resources

INSTRUCTION

Mathematics

The School Board believes the Mathematics instruction program should provide instruction commensurate with the goals, interests and abilities of all students. Because the goals of each student vary, the program should be flexible enough to provide for individual interests and abilities through appropriate instruction. Mathematics instruction is designed to develop students' mathematical knowledge and skills and strengthen students' abilities to think and reason mathematically. All students should have the opportunity and the support necessary to learn mathematics with depth and understanding, through multiple pathways. Opportunities for differentiation and acceleration will be provided based on multiple data points.

A. Advanced or accelerated mathematics – automatic enrollment

Beginning the 2025-2026 school year, any student in grades five through eight who earns a scale score on the end-of-year Standards of Learning mathematics assessment that is in the statewide, grade-level upper quartile and also meets criteria to enroll in advanced or accelerated coursework (e.g., demonstrate proficiency in prerequisite Standards of Learning and passed prerequisite courses), will be automatically enrolled in advanced or accelerated mathematics during the following school year, provided that such class or course is offered and available. Eligible students and parents/legal guardians of minor students will be offered the opportunity to opt out of automatic enrollment in advanced or accelerated mathematics for the following school year.

B Multiple additional pathways to enrollment in advances or accelerated mathematics

The School Division will ensure that multiple additional pathways to enrollment in advanced or accelerated mathematics, such as teacher recommendations, parental recommendations, student preference, or student aptitude as demonstrated through other means of evaluation such as grades, other standardized testing, portfolios, or observation will be provided.

C. Notification of advanced or accelerated mathematics coursework – grades five through eight

Annually, eligible students and parents/legal guardians of minor students in grades five through eight will be notified of the following:

1. the criteria and process for enrollment in advanced or accelerated mathematics, including automatic enrollment and opt-out procedures.
2. the importance of middle school mathematics coursework.
3. the impact of middle school mathematics coursework on the high school mathematics coursework sequence.

4. the mathematics courses available within the School Division.

Legal reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-207.9, as amended. Certain advances or accelerated mathematics opportunities; policies and criteria for enrollment; data reporting

Adopted by School Board: July 13, 1993 (Effective August 14, 1993)

Amended by School Board: June 6, 2006

Amended by School Board: June 20, 2017

Amended by School Board: February 13, 2024

Amended by School Board: 2025