# Superintendent’s Memo #155-19


**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: 2018 *Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*

On June 20, 2019, the Virginia Board of Education adopted the Proposed Revised 2018 *Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* for public schools in Virginia (see [Agenda Item H](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2019/06-jun/agenda.shtml)). The final version of the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* will be posted on the Virginia Department of Education’s website no later than August 31, 2019.

The 2018 *Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* amplifies the science standards and further defines the content knowledge, skills, and student performance expectations that are provided in the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* and measured in the Standards of Learning assessments.

The implementation timeline for the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* and the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* follows:

**2019-2020 School Year** - Crosswalk between 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*

* VDOE staff provides Summary of Change Document that reflects changes between the 2010 and 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.
* School divisions incorporate new standards into local curriculum written curricula for inclusion in the taught curricula during the 2020-2021 school year.

**2020-2021 School Year** - Crosswalk Year

* 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* are included in the written and taught curricula.
* Spring 2021 Standards of Learning assessments measure the 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and include field test items measuring the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.

**2021-2022 School Year** - Full Implementation Year

* Written and taught curricula reflect the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.
* Standards of Learning assessments measure the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.

Recognizing that curriculum alignment efforts require planning, time, staff development, and resources, school divisions should begin to:

* review and align science curricula with the revised standards;
* review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
* develop new materials where needed; and
* provide staff development for teachers.

For additional information on the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* *Curriculum Framework,* please contact Anne Petersen, Science Coordinator, at the Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, by email at anne.petersen@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2676. Questions regarding assessment should be directed to the Office of Student Assessment, by email at student assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2102.

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