**The Innovative Practice Award**

Beginning after the 2018-19 school year, the Standards of Accreditation provides an opportunity for the recognition of schools, divisions or local school boards who are implementing innovative practices for the purpose of improving student achievement.

Eligibility for recognition for an innovative practice is open to all accreditation-eligible schools, any school division, and any local school board. Schools, divisions, and school boards will be recognized every two years for innovative practices based upon the following criteria:

* School- or division-wide implementation of a new or creative evidence-based alternative to existing instructional or administrative practices in a defined student population
* Practice must be implemented for at least two full academic years
* Goals and objectives for practice must align with one of the following priority areas:
  + Closing achievement gaps among vulnerable and/or minority student groups
  + Developing an integrated STEM approach to learning
  + Building genuine relationships with families to support overall family well-being and children’s healthy development
  + Enhancing technology infrastructure to increases students access to connected devices and the internet
  + Elevating the quality and character of the school environment so that it the reflects the positive and support norms, goals, and values of the community
  + Retaining high-quality teachers
  + Developing life-ready students through implementation of the *Profile of a Virginia Graduate* and the 5 C’s framework
* Data provided by school or division demonstrates practice is meeting its objectives and is having a significant impact on outcomes for the targeted student population

Nominations will be evaluated on the following characteristics:

1. Strength of evidence presented to support the selected practice, strategy, or programs use
2. Extent to which practice, strategy, or program meets the definition and intent of “innovative”
3. Alignment of practice, strategy, or program’s goals and objectives to selected priority area
4. Demonstrated success of practice, strategy, or program, evidenced by summarized data collected on its impact

**Innovative Practice Award Nomination Form**

To nominate a school, division or school board, complete all fields and questions. All information intended for the consideration during the review and award of this recognition must be included in the narrative, links to additional information will not be considered.

1. This nomination is for a (choose only one):

School.

School Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Division Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

School Division.

Division Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

School Board.

Division Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please provide the following information for an appropriate contact person if there are questions concerning the nomination.

Contact’s name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact’s email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact’s phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What innovative priority area is this nomination intending to highlight? Choose only one area.

Choose an item.

1. Provide a brief description of the practice, strategy, or program, including a summary of the research and/or evidence supporting its use.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Describe how the practice, strategy, or program exemplifies innovation in the selected priority area, defined as a new or creative alternative to existing instructional or administrative practices.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What are the goals and objectives of the practice, strategy, or program, and what data are collected to ensure the practice, strategy, or program is meeting those goals and objectives?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. In what year was the practice, strategy, or program first implemented, and how many students were impacted or participated each year?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Describe the impact of the practice, strategy, or program on students.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Include a summary of data collected on the practice, strategy, or program that demonstrates its impact on the intended student population.

Click or tap here to enter text.

For Regional Use Only:

Please complete the following information before submitting regional nominees to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). As a reminder, all nominees must be submitted to the Office of Board Relations at VDOE be email at [BOE@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:BOE@doe.virginia.gov) no later than close of business on **March 31, 2020**.

Please describe the process used to determine your region’s top nominations for this award to include individuals involved, selection criteria and process:

Click or tap here to enter text.