# Superintendent’s Memo #131-20

  
**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA   
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

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

## SUBJECT: Delayed Implementation Timeline of 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*

[Superintendent’s Memo 155-19](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2019/155-19.docx) provided the implementation timeline for the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* and the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*. As stated in the memo, the 2020-2021 School Year was designated to be a Crosswalk Year in which the 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* were to be included in the written and taught curricula. In addition, the Spring 2021 Standards of Learning assessments would measure the 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and include field test items measuring the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.

Recognizing that the 2020-2021 school year will present new challenges for school divisions and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VDOE is delaying the implementation timeline for the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* by one year as detailed below.

**2020-2021 School Year** - Crosswalk between the 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*

* School divisions incorporate new standards into local curriculum written curricula for inclusion in the taught curricula during the 2021-2022 school year.

**2021-2022 School Year** - Crosswalk Year

* 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* are included in the written and taught curricula.
* Spring 2022 Standards of Learning assessments measure the 2010 *Science Standards of Learning* and include field test items measuring the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.

**2022-2023 School Year** - Full Implementation Year

* Written and taught curricula reflect the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.
* Spring 2023 Standards of Learning assessments measure the 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*.

School divisions should continue their work 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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