

VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Overview of Draft

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PROPOSED OUTLINE OF THE DRAFT PLAN

- Purpose of the Comprehensive Plan
- The Board's Mission
- The Objective of Education in Virginia
- The Extent to which the Objectives of Education are Being Achieved

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION

1. To Facilitate the Growth of Each Person
2. To Partner with Parents and Families
3. To Enrich Virginia
4. To Protect Free Government

PROPOSED PRIORITIES AND GOALS

To set high expectations for every learner

- Continue to adopt and support the implementation of comprehensive, clear, and rigorous academic standards that reflect national excellence
- Continue to provide guidance and policy expectations to ensure that the implementation of the Virginia Literacy Act is brain-science based, focused on evidence-based materials, and research-focused implementation strategies
- Provide guidance and oversight for the assessment redesign outlined by the HB 585 work group
- Design an accreditation, accountability, and reporting system to ensure transparency and improved student outcomes
- Provide feedback and oversight for the implementation of the early childhood statewide measurement and improvement system (VQB5) to ensure children have high-quality early learning experiences

To support learning loss recovery

- Ensure transparency and communications of formative and summative data systems for families
- Provide recommendations and support for adequate resourcing of high-intensity tutoring models
- Track return on investment of tutoring and learning recovery initiatives as well as ensuring transparency of effective tutoring models
- Provide policy guidance on effective and innovative strategies for reducing chronic absenteeism

To ensure that every K-12 student has a high-quality, licensed teacher

- Support the expansion of localized apprenticeship models
- Continue to develop the effective alternative teacher licensure pathways such as iTeach
- Ensure that current traditional and alternative pathways produce localized sustainable and high-quality educator pipelines
- Identify and reduce regulatory barriers for prospective teachers (e.g., universal licensure options)

PROPOSED PRIORITIES AND GOALS (CONTINUED)

To create innovative pathways for every learner

- Establish lab schools in every region to expand student options for innovative school experiences
- Ensure that policies guide safe and evidence-based use of AI innovations in the classroom
- Revise high school graduation and seat requirements that prohibit students from participating in flexible and accelerate pathways that include work-based learning experiences and high-demand, high-wage industry credentials
- Provide clear policy guidance for industry recognized credentials, passport, and dual enrollment to ensure student pathways focus on workplace readiness
- Revise and revamp advanced learning options for all learners across the Commonwealth

To advance safe and healthy schools

- Administer distributions from the Virginia Literary Fund to improve physical school safety
- Prioritize and publicize the School Construction Assistance Program to ensure that all schools can make physical school improvements
- Provide opportunities for school divisions to develop division-wide plans for assessing and addressing threats to security and improving learning climates through the use of Stronger Connections Grant funding
- Provide guidance and oversight for the statewide mental health strategies as well as support in implementing health school policy guidance

To empower parents as partners

- Support efforts that increase transparency of school and student performance
- Ensure that families have informed access to data, materials, and resources to support students