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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Update on Revised *Health Education, Physical Education, and Driver Education Standards of Learning*

The Virginia Board of Education adopted the 2015 *Health Education, Physical Education, and Driver Education Standards of Learning* on January 22, 2015. The PDF and Word versions of the newly adopted standards are available on the Department of Education's Web site at [Health Education](#), [Physical Education](#), and [Driver Education](#).

Recognizing that curriculum alignment requires planning, time, professional development, and resources, the Department of Education's goal for the implementation schedule allows teachers to begin implementing the recently adopted standards during the 2015-2016 school year. School divisions should focus instruction on the content in the 2015 *Health Education, Physical Education, and Driver Education Standards of Learning*.

School divisions should begin to:

- review and align their health, physical, and driver education curricula with the revised standards;
- review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
- identify new materials where needed; and
- provide professional development for teachers as appropriate.

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