



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Math Co-teaching Academies: Algebraic Thinking and Reasoning in the Co-taught Secondary Mathematics Class**

The Virginia Department of Education Office of Special Education Instructional Services in consultation with the Office of Mathematics and Governor's Schools is sponsoring two Math Co-teaching Academies. The academies are designed for school teams of mathematics and special education teachers working together to enhance all student outcomes, especially students with disabilities. The focus will be utilizing co-teaching approaches to deliver specially designed instruction that includes the evidence-based practices of vocabulary instruction and the Concrete-Representational-Abstract (CRA) sequence. Participants will also learn how to integrate formative assessment in their classrooms to develop data-driven tiered systems of support and design instruction to meet individual student needs. The Academies will be held:

Date: June 17-18, 2015

Place: Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center, 2801 Hershberger Rd, NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017

Date: July 21-22, 2015

Place: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Richmond-Midlothian, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23235

The Department is seeking middle school, mathematics 6-8, and Algebra 1 teachers in co-teaching teams from individual middle and high schools. Priority will be given to teachers who teach in schools that have not met their annual measurable objective (AMO) for students with disabilities in mathematics. The Virginia Department of Education will assume the cost of lodging, and will provide reimbursement for travel and meals not provided by the academies. A \$100 per day stipend will be provided to each participant.

If you have questions concerning this program and how to register, please visit the Virginia Tech conference planning. To register for the Academy in Richmond, please go to the following registration URL: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/vdoe-math-ri/>. For the Academy in Roanoke, go to the registration URL at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/vdoe-math-ro/>. If you have additional questions about the program, contact Dr. Teresa Lee, instructional specialist, Special Education and Instructional Services, at [Teresa.Lee@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Teresa.Lee@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 371-8283.

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