



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Virginia CyberCamp 2016 Program**

Governor McAuliffe announced a \$2M state initiative to implement the summer *Virginia CyberCamp 2016 Program* targeted for [high schools in challenged school divisions](#). The CyberCamp goals are to increase awareness of careers in cybersecurity among teachers and students; introduce students and teachers to cybersecurity-related industry credentials; and provide students a foundation in which they can pursue a certification during the upcoming school year. Cybersecurity has become an industry with numerous types of jobs, creating the need for an expanded cybersecurity work force. Research indicates there are more than 17,000 unfilled cybersecurity jobs in Virginia. This program will fund four campsites in each of the eight Superintendents' Regions for a total of 32 campsites in the amount of \$62,500 for each. Refer to [Attachment A](#) for an overview of the CyberCamp requirements.

For purposes of this program, a challenged school division is based on those with 50 percent or more of its enrolled students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals. Eligible school divisions ([Attachment B](#)) are invited to submit to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) by December 18, 2015, the Intent to Participate Form ([Attachment C](#)). This intent does not obligate you to apply. Upon receipt of the intent, guidance will be provided for the submission of the application.

The Virginia CyberCamp 2016 Application is due to VDOE by January 25, 2016. The completed application should not exceed a total of six pages—consisting of contact information, an abstract (not to exceed two pages) of the proposed instructional activities; a proposed “start-up budget” for planning and professional development and the proposed camp budget (see sample in [Attachment D](#)); and a signed agreement by the division superintendent certifying the division and school will comply with the statement of assurances.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra E. Ruffin, Ed.D., program manager, Office of Career and Technical Education, at: [cte@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:cte@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-2052.

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Attachments:

- A. [Overview of CyberCamp Requirements](#) (PDF)
- B. [Eligible School Divisions](#) (PDF)
- C. [Intent to Participate Form](#) (PDF)
- D. [Budget Example](#) (PDF)

