



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: "Programs That Work" Awards for Mathematics, Science, and STEM

The Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition (VMSC) invites you to nominate effective student and teacher education programs for their annual "Programs That Work" Awards. The VMSC is interested in reviewing and recognizing exemplary mathematics, science, and integrated science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs for which there is evidence of a positive impact on student or teacher learning. Proposals will be evaluated on the extent that applicants:

- represent innovative, exemplary programs that have proven effective with all students or teachers;
- demonstrate the important mathematics, science, and STEM concepts, skills or processes students and teachers learned as a result of the programs; and
- document impact on teaching and learning.

Application requirements and more information can be found at <http://www.vamsc.org/PTW.html>. Virginia's public and private elementary and secondary schools, public school divisions, institutions of higher education, state agencies, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are invited to apply. Applications are due on December 11, 2013, and will be evaluated on a competitive basis for programs that have been conducted during the past five years and have demonstrated positive results.

Awardees will be recognized in January 2014, at a reception in Richmond. The VMSC will support the travel and lodging of award for each program recognized.

For more information, contact the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition by e-mail at ptw@vamsc.org.

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