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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #154-22

DATE: July 15, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Fiscal Year 2023 Project Graduation Funding Allocation**

Each year since 2003, the General Assembly has provided Project Graduation funding to provide grants to partnering or individual school divisions to assist students in meeting graduation requirements. Project Graduation remediation activities must address the needs of students who have received passing grades for standard credit-bearing course(s) but failed the required Standards of Learning (SOL) assessment needed to verify credit(s) to complete their diploma requirements. Project Graduation activities must include remedial instruction for students in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, English: Reading, English: Writing, science, and/or history/social science.

The fiscal year 2023 funding formula factors include:

- The number of first-time test takers failing an end-of-course assessment in mathematics, English reading/writing, science, and history/social science (test results were used from the spring of 2019 Standards of Learning (SOL) test administration);
- The school division's Composite Index of Local Ability-to-Pay; and
- A floor on the minimum funding (\$3,000) and a cap on the maximum funding (\$37,500) received by a single school division.

Project Graduation funding is provided through Lottery proceeds which are available by January of each year. School division formula allocations will be paid on a recurring basis twice monthly between January and June each year.

Appropriate Project Graduation expenditures include:

- Teacher or tutor salaries and stipends;
- Student incentives;
- Instructional resources aligned to the current Standards of Learning;
- Materials and supplies necessary for Project Graduation instruction and assessment activities;
- Student transportation; and
- Administrative costs associated with implementation and administration of special education requirements.

Attachment A to this memorandum includes Project Graduation funding allocations by school division for fiscal year 2023.

All SOL tests administered to students participating in Project Graduation remediation programs must have the “Project Graduation” field populated within the PearsonAccess system.

Further program information and guidelines are included on the [Project Graduation website](#).

For more information

If you have additional program questions, please contact the Virginia Department of Education, Office of STEM and Innovation, by email at vdoe.stem@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Fiscal Year 2023 Project Graduation Funding Allocations](#) (DOCX)