



Commonwealth of Virginia Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #322-21

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2022 Multidivision Online Provider Application Process

The 2022 multidivision online provider application process and forms are now available on the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) <u>Multidivision Online Providers Program website</u>. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year may be submitted beginning January 1, 2022. Complete applications must be received by the Virginia Department of Education by **5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 1, 2022.** In addition, previously approved providers may submit new or revised courses during this application window. Providers approved in 2019 are subject to a full review of their online program, but are not required to reapply. The applications will be reviewed based on the Criteria for Approval of Multidivision Online Providers approved by the Virginia Board of Education on November 18, 2010. Courses submitted for approval must align with the newest revisions to the Standards of Learning (SOL). The Virginia Department of Education will provide the applicant with a written decision regarding the approval or denial of the application within 45 business days of the close of the application period.

As a general reminder, all providers must adhere to the conditions included in their original application to maintain approval.

Approved applicants will be posted on the VDOE website. Interested school boards may then develop contracts with approved multidivision online providers for approved online courses coupled with instructional services to be delivered during the 2022-2023 school year.

The Virginia Department of Education is working on new Virtual Education Regulations that may impact the operation of virtual learning providers in the future. For background information, please refer to the <u>Amendments to the Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131) to Include Standards for Virtual Education</u>. Updates and opportunities to provide feedback will be listed in the announcement section of the Multidivision Online Provider website.

For more information

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