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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN ACCREDITING STANDARDS**

*Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia*, (8 VAC 20-131-10 et. seq.) set the minimum standards public schools must meet to be accredited by the Board of Education. Accreditation of public schools is required by the Standards of Quality (' 22.1-253.13:1 et. seq.). The annual accrediting cycle for public schools is July 1 through June 30.

This cover sheet, with the supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Department of Education for review and recommendation to the Board at least 90 days prior to the beginning of an accrediting cycle or the proposed implementation of the program or activity that precipitates the request for the waiver. The types of waivers available and the corresponding section of the standards are indicated below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or information deemed appropriate.

SCHOOL DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PROGRAM/ACTIVITY \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval of an Alternative to the Standard School Year and School Day (8 VAC 20-131-150)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval of an Experimental Program (8 VAC 20-131-290 D)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval of an Innovative Program (8 VAC 20-131-290 D)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Approval of a Waiver of Other Provision(s) of the Standards (8 VAC 20-131-330)

SCHOOL(S) INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM/ACTIVITY \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Approved  
by the Local School Board

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Signature  
Chairman of the Local School Board

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Submission Date

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Signature  
Division Superintendent



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IF THE PROGRAM IS EXPERIMENTAL OR INNOVATIVE, EXPLAIN WHY.

IF THE PROGRAM IS EXPERIMENTAL, INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT EXPLAINS WHY THERE IS REASON TO EXPECT THAT THE PROGRAM WILL WORK.

DESCRIBE THE RATIONALE FOR AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REQUEST FOR A WAIVER.

DESCRIBE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM.



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DESCRIBE THE PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM/ACTIVITY'S EFFECTIVENESS  
(Include information that includes measurable goals, objectives, and student academic achievement that will be expected as a result of the implementation of the program/activity)

Number Of Students Involved In The Program \_\_\_\_\_

What is the anticipated length of the program? \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE REGULATIONS FROM WHICH YOU REQUIRE WAIVERS IN ORDER TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY AND A STATEMENT INDICATING WHY RELEASE FROM THE REGULATION IS NECESSARY.

Questions should be directed to Charles W. Finley, Assistant Superintendent for Accountability Services, Department of Education at (804) 786-9421 or by e-mail to cfinley@pen.k12.va.us. This application and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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Department of Education  
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Richmond, VA 23218-2120