REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN ACCREDITING STANDARDS
AND/OR APPROVAL
OF AN INNOVATIVE OR EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

The 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 attach additional sheets or information deemed appropriate. [The board will consider this request in its monthly meeting and school divisions may be requested to appear before the board to explain a waiver request.]

SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE OF PROGRAM/ACTIVITY

TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUESTED:

☐ Approval of an Alternative to the Standard School Year and School Day (8 VAC 20-131-150)
☐ Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan (8 VAC 20-131-280.D)
☐ 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)
   (Complete Pages 1 and 3 of the application only.)

SCHOOL(S) INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM/ACTIVITY

Date Approved
by the Local School Board

Signature
Chairman of the School Board

Submission Date

Signature
Division Superintendent

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DOES THE PROGRAM REQUIRE THAT SCHOOLS IN THE DIVISION OPEN PRIOR TO LABOR DAY?
☐ YES ☐ NO.

IF YES, EXPLAIN WHY.

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

DESCRIBE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM.
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IF YOU ARE SEEKING A WAIVER OF A PROVISION OR PROVISIONS OF THE ACCREDITING STANDARDS, STATE THE PROVISION AND THE RATIONALE FOR SEEKING A WAIVER FOR EACH.

DESCRIBE THE PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WAIVER/PROGRAM/ACTIVITY. (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 or duration of the waiver?

Questions should be directed to the Division of Policy and Communications at (804) 225-2092 or by e-mail to policy@doe.virginia.gov. This application and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Division of Policy and Communications
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