

# **Revisions to the Proposed Standards of Accreditation from First Review**

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# 8VAC20-131-5: Definitions

- “Growth” added: Definition of the term “growth” has been added to establish that growth “means student progress towards achievement as demonstrated through a valid and reliable measure”
- “Recess” amended: Definition of the term “recess” has been revised for clarification to state that recess “means a segment of free time exclusive of time provided for meals during the standard school day in which students are given a break from ***structured classroom*** instruction.”

# 8VAC20-131-10: Purpose

- Mission of the public education system to educate students to be equipped for an informed and successful private life amended to eliminate the word “private”

# 8VAC20-131-51: Requirements for Graduation (new)

- Clarification added to indicate that work-based learning opportunities provided may include, but not be limited to, internships, externships, credentialing, and blended learning

# 8VAC20-131-100: Instructional Program in Secondary Schools

- Clarification added to show that opportunities for internships, externships, and other work-based learning experiences are examples of such experiences, and not intended to be exclusive

# 8VAC20-131-140: College and Career Readiness

- Requirement for Academic Career Plan to be completed by the end of the seventh grade extended to the end of the fall semester in the eighth grade year

# 8VAC20-131-180: Off-site Instruction

- Specified that homebound instruction is to be provided under the supervision of a licensed teacher, qualified in the relevant area, and deleted incorrect references from the current SOA language

# Final Regulation Sequence

Board considers public comment and adopts final regulation

Governor approves final regulation after Executive Branch Review

Final regulation is published in the *Register*

30-day final adoption period begins, at completion regulation is effective