

# Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: F.

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Topic: Report on Academic and Career Plan Technical Assistance

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## Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by

State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Action requested at this meeting  Action requested at future meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

## Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action

Date September 25, 2010

Action Board approved the Academic and Career Plan Guidelines

## Background Information:

The Board of Education included in its 2009 revisions to the *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, (8 VAC-20-131-5 et seq)* provisions for each middle and high school student to have a personal learning plan that aligns academic and career goals with the student's course of study.

## Summary of Major Elements

The report includes a summary of the Academic and Career Plan resources available and training opportunities for divisions.

## Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive the report for informational purposes.

## Impact on Resources:

This activity can be absorbed through existing agency resources at this time.

## Timetable for Further Review/Action:

No further action is required.

**Academic and Career Plan Update  
Board of Education Meeting, 2/25/10**

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- The Board proposed the changes to the Standards of Accreditation at the Board meeting on January 10, 2008.
- The Board adopted the final regulations for accrediting public schools in Virginia at the Board meeting on February 19, 2009.
- *The Guidelines for the Academic and Career Plan (ACP)* were approved at the Board meeting on September 17, 2009.

Required components of the Academic and Career Plan shall include, but not be limited to:

- The student's program of study for high school graduation that is aligned with a postsecondary career pathway and/or college entrance;
- A postsecondary career pathway based on the student's academic and career interests; and
- A signature from the student, student's parent or guardian, and school official(s) designated by the principal.

A *Technical Assistance Document to the Academic and Career Plan* was created for divisions to access and assist in creating, implementing, and maintaining Academic and Career Plans. In addition to the technical assistance document, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has made available a sample ACP template, access to online tutorials, and additional resources.

A Superintendent's Memo was released on December 11, 2009 announcing the *Guidelines for the Academic and Career Plan* and information on accessing the *Technical Assistance Document* and other resources for use by divisions. Regional workshops have been announced and will begin in late February. The workshop content will include information and resources related to the Academic and Career Plan requirement, Career Clusters, The Virginia Education Wizard, and division-specific best practice materials related to academic and career planning. Workshop dates and locations are below.

Date	Region	Location
<b>Academic and Career Plan Workshops</b>		
2/24/10	Region 1 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
3/5/10	Region 8 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Southside Virginia Community College
3/8/10	Region 7 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Southwest Virginia Community College
3/12/10	Region 3 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Rappahannock Community College
3/15/10	Region 5 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Piedmont Virginia Community College
3/18/10	Region 4 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Lord Fairfax Community College
3/23/10	Region 2 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Paul D. Camp Community College
3/30/10	Region 6 Academic and Career Plan Workshop	Virginia Western Community College