



#GoOpenVA

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GOOPENVA: OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) INITIATIVE

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation defines open educational resources (OER) as “teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. OER include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.”

The key feature of open resources that sets them apart from simply free resources is the copyright free license that allows teachers to manipulate and edit the materials to fit their student’s needs.

Through the use of open educational resources and the [#GoOpen](#) initiative Virginia seeks to become a national leader in allowing teachers to utilize this technology.

For divisions interested in implementing OER programs please consult the Office of Educational Technology’s [#GoOpen District launch packet](#) (PDF).



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http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/technology/technology_initiatives/open-edu-resources/index.shtml

#GoOpenVA Workgroup

- **Meet about every other month, face-to-face; interact more frequently online**
- **Planning Virginia's initiative, in conjunction with Chesterfield County Schools (an Ambassador division for the National #GoOpen project)**
- **First priority is communication and gathering input**

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- **Some early actions planned:**
 - Virginia's own version of OER Ambassador and Launch divisions
 - Pilot to fine-tune process to develop coordinated curriculum resources for specific subject area/grade level
 - Promotional videos and presentations
 - Development of an FAQ
 - Development of a Maturity Model and Roadmap