

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Albemarle County School Board provides career and technical educational programs incorporated into the kindergarten through twelfth grade curricula that include:

- knowledge of careers and all types of employment opportunities including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship and small business ownership, the military, and the teaching profession, and emphasize the advantages of completing school with marketable skills;
- career exploration opportunities in the middle school grades; and
- competency-based career and technical education programs which integrate academic outcomes, career guidance and job-seeking skills for all secondary students based on labor market needs and student interest. Career guidance includes counseling about available employment opportunities and placement services for students exiting school; and
- annual notice on its website to enrolled high school students and their parents of (i) the availability of the postsecondary education and employment data published by the State Council of Higher Education on its website and (ii) the opportunity for such students to obtain a nationally recognized career readiness certificate at a local public high school, comprehensive community college or workforce center; and
- as part of each student's Academic and Career Plan lists of top professions in Virginia, skills required for each profession, and top degree programs at institutions of higher education in Virginia, as compiled annually by the Department of Education and provided to the School Board in accordance with Virginia Code 22.1-253.13:1.-

The School Board develops and implements a plan to ensure compliance with this Policy. This plan is developed with the input of area business and industry representatives and local comprehensive community colleges and is submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with the timelines established by federal law.

The School Board may establish High School to Work Partnerships or delegate the authority to establish High School to Work Partnerships to the division's career and technical education administrator or the administrator's designee, in collaboration with the school counselor office of each high school in the school division, and educate high school students about opportunities available through such High School to Work Partnerships.

The School Board may enter into agreements for postsecondary course credit, credential, certification, or license attainment, referred to as College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships, with comprehensive community colleges or other public institutions of higher education or educational institutions that offer a career and technical education curriculum, College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships specify.

- the options for students to take courses as part of the career and technical education curriculum that lead to course credit or an industry-recognized

- credential, certification, or license concurrent with a high school diploma;
- ~~the credit, credentials, certifications, or licenses available for such courses; and~~
- the industry-recognized credentials that are accepted as substitutes for certain credits required for high school graduation, consistent with the list developed and maintained by the Virginia Board of Education pursuant to Va. Code 22.1-253.13:1(F); and
- available options for students to participate in pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeships programs at comprehensive community colleges concurrent with the pursuit of a high school diploma and receive college credit and high school credit for successful completion of any such program.

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Cross Ref.: IA Instructional Goals and Objectives  
IGBI Advanced Placement Classes and Special Programs  
IJ Guidance and Counseling Program  
IJD College and Career Readiness  
LEB Advanced/Alternative Courses for Credit

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