



Hearings Concerning High School Graduation Requirements

On October 30th public hearings will be held across the state to address proposed changes to the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia. The hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the locations listed below.

The top two issues that will impact our members are:

1. The proposed new diplomas, Technical Studies and Advanced Technical Studies (8VAC20-131-50), and
2. Development of Academic Career Plans for middle school students (8VAC20-131-140).

*While Governor Kaine's letter has the Plans starting in 2008-2009, approved changes would start in 2009-2010.

A copy of the letter from Governor can be found at

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Accountability/governor_kaine_letter_SOA.pdf

The regulations affecting education can be located at the following web site, with graduation requirements addressed on pages 38-41.

<http://legis.state.va.us/codecomm/register/vol24/iss26/v24i26.pdf>

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Hearing Locations on October 30:

- Jolliff Middle School, 1021 Jolliff Rd., Chesapeake VA
- Waynesboro High School 1200 Main St., Waynesboro, VA
- Highland Springs High School, 15 S. Oak Ave., Highland Springs, VA
- George Wythe High School, 1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, VA
- Thomas A. Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA

Registration for speakers begins at 6:30 p.m. Persons who wish to speak should be registered by 7:30 p.m.

Speakers at the hearings will be asked to limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes each, and are urged speakers to provide at least one written copy of their remarks. Written public comments may be submitted until November 5, 2008.

* e-mailed to SOACOMMENTS@doe.virginia.gov

We urge you to become informed and to discuss this with other colleagues who may be affected by the new graduation requirements. Thanks for your interest.