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Hearings Set on SOL for Fine Arts and Foreign Language

RICHMOND-The state Board of Education will hold five hearings across the state on April 3 to solicit public comment about the proposed revised Standards of Learning (SOL) for Dance Arts, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Music, and Foreign Language. The proposed SOL are available on the Internet at: <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/tocontents.html>

The hearings start at 7 p.m. Registration of speakers starts at 6:30 p.m. Speakers will have three minutes and should bring copies of their comments for the board. The hearings will be at the following locations:

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| Hanover County | – | Lee-Davis High School, 7052 Mechanicsville Pike,
Mechanicsville, VA 23111 |
| Fairfax County –
Virginia Beach City | – | Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310
Princess Anne High School, 4400 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia
Beach, VA 23462 |
| Martinsville City | – | Martinsville High School, 351 Commonwealth Blvd., Martinsville,
VA 4112 |
| Smyth County | – | Marion Senior High School, 848 Stage St., Marion, VA 24354 |

Comments may also be mailed by April 3 to the appropriate content specialist at the Virginia Department of Education, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120. The specialists are as follows: Dance Arts, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts – Cherry Gardner; Music – Theresa Lee; Foreign Language – Linda Wallinger.

The SOL for the specified content areas identify the essential content, processes, and skills for each grade level and/or courses in these areas. No statewide assessments are planned for these subject areas. However, the standards do specify the minimum requirements for completion of high school credit courses in dance arts, theatre arts, visual arts, music, and foreign languages.

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