



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Board of Education
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	8 VAC 20-131
Regulation title	<i>Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i>
Action title	Update to Comport with Legislative Changes Made by HB 96 (2012)
Final agency action date	The Board of Education is expected to take final action on these amendments on June 28, 2012.
Document preparation date	May 24, 2012

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* are designed to ensure that an effective educational program is established and maintained in Virginia's public schools. The regulations address student achievement, instructional programs and leadership, facilities and safety, school and community relations, and school accreditation.

The regulations require all students, beginning in middle school, to have an Academic and Career Plan. This plan is intended to address a student's program of study for high school graduation and postsecondary career pathways.

The regulations specify that the Academic and Career Plan must be implemented beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. The provisions of HB 96 delay implementation of this provision to the 2013-2014 school year.

This proposal amends the following sections of the regulations:

1. 8 VAC 20-131-140. College and Career Preparation Programs and Opportunities for Postsecondary Credit - The requirement for all students, beginning in middle school, to have an Academic and Career Plan would begin in the 2013-2014 academic year.
2. 8 VAC 20-131-360. Effective Date – The requirement for the Academic and Career Plan would begin in the 2013-2014 academic year.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The Virginia Board of Education is expected to take final action to amend the *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* on June 28, 2012, pursuant to HB 96 (2012).

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This proposal would have no impact on the family or on family stability.