

Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers

See:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/regulations/uniform_performance_stds_2011.pdf

The *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers* were originally developed as a result of a recommendation from the Committee to Enhance the K-12 Teaching Profession in Virginia established by the Virginia Board of Education and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. In 2004, a task force comprised of outstanding teachers representing all grade levels, subject area expertise, and regions within the state drafted the initial *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers*. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) then hosted focus group meetings in all eight regions of the state to provide opportunities for Virginia educators at the division, school, and higher education levels to provide feedback on the draft standards. Based on their feedback, the standards were revised and adopted by the Virginia Board of Education in 2008 as a resource for school divisions in the implementation of the Board of Education's performance standards and evaluation criteria for teachers.

In 2010, in response to a growing state and national emphasis on teacher effectiveness, the Virginia Department of Education convened a task force to revise the *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers*. The revised *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers* reflect a closer alignment in structure between the two documents to assist educators in using the standards to improve the practice and performance of teachers.