FOUNDATIONS & BASIC COMMITMENTS

Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia

The Virginia Board of Education approves Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia. Per the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) website, these standards:

- Provide an essential foundation of educational programs of high quality in all schools for all students.
- Encourage continuous appraisal and improvement of the school program for the purpose of raising student achievement.
- Foster public confidence.
- Assure recognition of Virginia’s public schools by other institutions of learning.
- Establish a means of determining the effectiveness of schools.

Current and previous versions of the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, as well as information about what changes have been made, can be found on the VDOE website at: http://doe.virginia.gov/boe/accreditation/index.shtml. These standards are codified as part of the Virginia Administrative Code (8VAC 20-131).

The Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia provide Prince William County Public Schools with guidance and direction.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

This regulation and related policy shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.