

### VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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December 7, 2011

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, Governor Members of the Virginia General Assembly Commonwealth of Virginia Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell and Members of the Virginia General Assembly:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to transmit the 2011 *Status Report on Multidivison Online Learning*, submitted pursuant to § 22.1-212.25. C of the Code of Virginia.

The legislation requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and the Virginia Board of Education to approve criteria for approving, monitoring, and, if necessary, revoking the contracts of multidivision providers of online courses and virtual school programs. It stipulated that the courses or programs must meet certain requirements with regard to accreditation and staffing and that the educational objectives and assessments meet or exceed the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) and Standards of Accreditation.

The Board of Education is grateful for the support that the Governor and General Assembly give to Virginia's school improvement efforts. As we look to the future, the members of the Board of Education pledge to remain focused on providing the best educational opportunities and the brightest future for the young people enrolled in Virginia's public schools.

Sincerely,

Eleanor B. Saslaw, President

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Board of Education

#### **Statutory Requirement for the Annual Report**

§ 22.1-212.25.C of the Code of Virginia requires the following:

Beginning November 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Board of Education shall include in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly information regarding multidivision online learning during the previous school year. The information shall include but not be limited to student demographics, course enrollment data, parental satisfaction, aggregated student course completion and passing rates, and activities and outcomes of course and provider approval reviews. The November 1, 2011, report shall be an interim progress report and include information on the criteria and processes adopted by the Board and outcomes of provider applications.

#### **For Additional Copies**

Additional copies of the report are available by contacting the executive assistant to the Board of Education at the Virginia Department of Education, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218; phone: 804/225-2924; or e-mail <a href="Policy@doe.virginia.gov">Policy@doe.virginia.gov</a>.

The report may be viewed online at: <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/reports/index.shtml">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/reports/index.shtml</a>

#### A Status Report Regarding Multidivision Online Learning Reported to the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly

#### **Executive Summary**

In 2010, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation, introduced by Governor Robert F. McDonnell, authorizing the establishment of virtual school programs (see Appendix A). The legislation required the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and the Virginia Board of Education to approve criteria for approving, monitoring, and, if necessary, revoking the contracts of multidivision providers of online courses and virtual school programs. It stipulated that the courses or programs must meet certain requirements with regard to accreditation and staffing and that the educational objectives and assessments meet or exceed the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) and Standards of Accreditation.

The bill allowed local school boards to enter into contracts with approved providers to offer such courses and programs. As guidance to these boards, the Superintendent of Public Instruction developed model policies and procedures pertaining to student access. In addition, the legislation required the Virginia Department of Education to develop a Web site containing relevant information, including course content, registration information, teacher qualifications, and completion rates. The local boards posted information on their Web sites to enable visitors to understand and compare various options for learners, including the types of online courses and programs available, conditions under which the division will pay course fees and other costs for nonresident students, and criteria for granting high school credit.

During the past year, the Department of Education produced and implemented the multidivision online provider application process, including the development of *Criteria for Approval of Multidivision Online Providers* and the application, appeal, and monitoring process (see Appendix B). The application window was open for 30 days, beginning on February 1, 2011. During that time, 14 organizations submitted applications and course correlation documents. After a thorough review, 13 of these organizations were approved to offer online instruction as multidivision online providers. For the one rejected application, review teams noted significant deficiencies in policy, pupil performance standards, Section 508 compliance, teacher licensure requirements, and correlation to the SOL.

#### **Authority for the Report**

The 2010 legislation amended § 22.1-212.25.C of the Code of Virginia to require the following: "Beginning November 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Board of Education shall include in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly information regarding multidivision online learning during the previous school year. The information shall include but not be limited to student demographics, course enrollment data, parental satisfaction, aggregated student course completion and passing rates, and activities and outcomes of course and provider approval reviews. The November 1, 2011, report shall be an interim progress report and include

information on the criteria and processes adopted by the Board and outcomes of provider applications."

#### **Activities during the Reporting Period**

The following is a list of relevant activities that occurred between April 2010 And November 1, 2011:

- Teams at the Virginia Department of Education developed the multidivision online provider application process, including the *Criteria for Approval of Multidivision Online Providers* and the application, appeal, and monitoring processes.
- Public meetings were held with school divisions and online providers to share information and receive feedback on the application process.
- The Board of Education approved the final criteria and application documents on November 18, 2010.
- The Department of Education launched a Web site to provide information and documents for multidivision online providers regarding the application process:

  http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/providers/index.shtml.
- The application window was open for 30 days, beginning on February 1, 2011. Applications were received from 14 organizations.
- Applications were subjected to an extensive review by policy, instruction, special education, information management, technology, and finance teams in the Department of Education.
- Thirteen organizations were initially approved to offer online instruction, contingent upon the submission of additional information in the areas of teacher licensure, Section 508 compliance, and data reporting. A summary of approved providers appears later in this report.
- Of the 385 courses reviewed for correlation to the SOL, 274 were approved during the initial application period. Providers are in the process of revising and resubmitting the 111 courses that were not initially approved.
- The Department of Education developed model policies and procedures and shared these with local school divisions via the Web:
   <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s</a>
   <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s</a>
   <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s</a>
   <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/divisions/index.s</a>
   httml. These documents provide guidance on entering into contracts with multidivision online providers.

- The Department of Education developed and posted online a *Frequently Asked Questions* document to answer questions about multidivision online providers, including definitions, tuition issues, and reporting requirements.
- The Department of Education posted information about the providers and their course offerings on its Web site: <a href="https://plpe.doe.virginia.gov/amop-public/">https://plpe.doe.virginia.gov/amop-public/</a>.
- The Department of Education collected information from the providers regarding any contracts they currently have in place with Virginia public school divisions.

#### **Data Collection and Monitoring**

Beginning with the 2011-12 school years, students participating in approved virtual courses will be flagged within the Student Record Collection (SRC), which contains more than 100 demographic, funding, and program participation elements for each student in the Commonwealth. It is collected three times a year to correspond with fall membership, March 31 average daily membership, and the last day of school. Once students are enrolled in a virtual course, the Department of Education can then provide the following information via the State Testing Identifier (STI):

- Assessment data, including Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)-type pass rates
- Cohort graduation data, including on-time graduation rates and cohort drop-out rates
- Course enrollment and completion data from the Master Schedule Collection
- Career and technical education reports, including industry credential reports
- Funding summaries

Surveys of school divisions will provide additional information about contractual issues with multidivision online providers. During the course of the academic year, Department of Education review teams or school division representatives may review courses, providers, and policies to verify that the programs comply with all state and federal laws and regulations. If the Department of Education believes there is a cause for concern, more extensive reviews will be conducted.

#### **Issues and Challenges**

During the implementation, several challenges emerged:

Some of the providers' course names were not the same as those used in the SOL; for
example, a provider's World Literature II course was comparable to the English Grade 10
SOL. In addition, the providers were allowed to offer elective courses that did not
correlate to any standard, which also caused confusion; for example, one provider's
Algebra I course correlated with the SOL, while another's elective Algebra I course did
not fully correlate.

- Multidivision online providers were allowed to revise and resubmit course correlation
  documentation at any time after the application window closed. This decision was made
  because of logistical challenges related to the tight deadline and to ensure the highest
  quality submissions. This resulted, however, in a continuous review of provider content.
- The Department of Education originally required multidivision online providers to provide teacher and administrator licensure information at the time of application; however, the providers would not employ and assign teachers until enough students had registered for the courses. As a result, the rule was revised, allowing providers to submit teacher credentials once they were confident that the course had sufficient enrollment to be offered.
- Providers and school divisions were confused about what constitutes a multidivision online provider as compared to a provider of online content taught by a local teacher. To address this problem, the Department of Education issued clarification and provided training to assist divisions in reporting data correctly.
- The definitions of "full-time" and "part-time" students need to be clarified. This issue has made it difficult to design data collection processes.

#### **Summary of Approved Providers and Courses**

Of the 14 applications received during the application window, 13 providers met the criteria for approval: Apex Learning; BYU Independent Study; CCPSOnline; CompuHigh, LLC; Connections Academy, LLC; Education2020, Inc.; EdOptions Online Academy; EdisonLearning, Inc.; Florida Virtual School; Giant Campus of Virginia; K-12 Virtual Schools, LLC; Virtual High School Global Consortium; and York County Public Schools. Jefferson High Online was not initially approved. Review teams noted significant deficiencies in policy, pupil performance standards, Section 508 compliance, teacher licensure requirements, and correlation to Virginia's Standards of Learning. The approved providers offer 711 approved standards-based courses and nonstandards-based elective courses. See below for a listing of each provider and its approved courses. If a provider's course name differs from Virginia's, the provider's course name follows in brackets.

#### Apex Learning 1215 Fourth Avenue, Suite 1500 Seattle, Washington 98161

Approved SOL Courses

Algebra I [Algebra I (Core/Honors/LA)]

Algebra II [Algebra 2 (Core/Honors/LA)]

Biology [Biology (Core/Honors/LA)]

Chemistry [Chemistry (Core/Honors/LA)]

Earth Science [Earth Science (Core/Honors/LA)]

Economics and Personal Finance [U.S. and Global

Economics (Honors)]

English Grade 10 [English II: Critical Reading and

Effective Writing (Core/Honors/LA)]

English Grade 11 [English Grade 11 (Core/Honors)]

English Grade 12 [English Grade 12 (Honors)]

English Grade 12 [English IV: British and World

Literature (Core)]

English Grade 4 [English Foundations I (Foundation)

Grade 04]

English Grade 5 [English Foundations I (Foundation)

Grade 05]

English Grade 6 [English Foundations I (Foundation)

Grade 06]

English Grade 7 [English Foundations II

(Foundation) Grade 07]

English Grade 8 [English Foundations II

(Foundation) Grade 08]

English Grade 9 [English Foundations II

(Foundation) Grade 09]

English Grade 9 [English I: Introduction to Literature

and Composition (Honors/LA)]

English Grade 9 [Writing Skills and Strategies (Core)

Grade 91

French II [French II (Core)]

French II [French II (Core)]

French II [French II (Honors)]

General Music 9-12 [Music Grades 9-12 (Core)]

Geometry [Geometry (Core/Honors/LA)]

Physical Science [Physical Science

(Core/Honors/LA)]

Spanish I [Spanish 1 (Core/Honors)]

Spanish II [Spanish 2 (Honors)]

Virginia & U.S. Government [U.S. Government and

Politics (Core)]

Virginia & U.S. History [US History (Core)]

Visual Arts I: Foundations [Art Appreciation]

World Geography [Geography and World Cultures (Core)]

World History & Geography 1500 - Present [World

History since the Renaissance (Core)]

World History & Geography 1500 - Present [World

History (Core)]

World History & Geography to 1500 [World History

to the Renaissance (Core)]

#### BYU Independent Study 120 MORC

Provo, Utah 84602

Approved SOL Courses

Biology [Biology 41]

English Grade 9 [English 41]

Geometry [Geometry 41]

Health Grade 10 [Health 41]

Health Grade 9 [Health 41]

#### CCPSOnline-Chesterfield County Public Schools 4003 Cogbill Road Richmond, Virginia 23234

Approved SOL Courses

Health Grade 10 [Health 10]

Health Grade 9 [Health 9]

PE Grade 10 [PE 10]

PE Grade 9 [PE 9]

Non-SOL Elective Courses

**Computer Applications** 

Earth Science 2

Keyboarding

Psychology

Sociology

## CompuHigh LLC 515 Wilson Avenue

Morgantown, West Virginia 26501

Approved SOL Courses

Earth Science [Earth Science]

World History & Geography to 1500 [World History I]

Connections Academy, LLC 1001 Fleet Street, 5th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Approved SOL Courses

Algebra I [Algebra I]

Algebra II [Algebra II]

Biology [Biology]

Chemistry [Chemistry]

Earth Science [Earth Science]

Economics and Personal Finance [Economics and

Personal Finance

English Grade 1 [Language Arts 1]

English Grade 9 [English 9] World Geography [World Geography and Geography English Grade 10 [English 10] and Society] English Grade 11 [English 11] English Grade 12 [English 12] Non-SOL Elective Courses English Grade 2 [Language Arts 2] AP Art History English Grade 7 [Language Arts 7] AP Biology English Grade 8 [Language Arts 8] AP Calculus AB English Kindergarten [Language Arts K] AP Calculus BC French I (French I) AP Computer Science A French II (French II) AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature Geometry Health Grade 7 [Health and Phys Ed 7] AP Environmental Science Health Grade 8 [Health and Phys Ed 8] AP Macroeconomics Health Grade 10 [Health and Phys Ed 10] AP Microeconomics History Grade 1 [Social Studies 1] AP Physics B AP Psychology Life Science [Science 7] Mathematics Grade 1 [Math 1] AP Spanish Language Mathematics Grade 2 [Math 2] **AP Statistics** Mathematics Grade 3 [Math 3] AP US Government Mathematics Grade 4 [Math 4] AP US History Mathematics Grade 5 [Math 5] AP World History Mathematics Grade 6 [Math 6] Business Systems Technology Mathematics Grade 7 [Math 7] Chinese I A Mathematics Grade 8 [Algebra Readiness (Math 8)] Chinese I B Mathematics Kindergarten [Math K] Chinese II A Mathematics/Probability and Statistics [Math-Chinese II B College Prep with ACT **Statistics**1 Music Grade 4 [Music II] College Prep with SAT Music Grade 5 [Music III] Consumer Math A Music Grades 6-8 [Music IV] Consumer Math B Music Grades 9-12 [Music Appreciation] Digital Photography Music Kindergarten [Music I] Driver's Education **Emergent Computer Technology** PE Grade 1 [Physical Education 1] PE Grade 2 [Physical Education 2] Environmental Science A PE Grade 3 [Physical Education 3] Environmental Science B PE Grade 4 [Physical Education 4] Explorations in Mathematics A PE Grade 5 [Physical Education 5] Explorations in Mathematics B Physical Science [Science 8] Game Design Introduction to Computers and Science Grade 1 [Science 1] Science Grade 5 [Science 5] Applications A Science Grade 6 [Science 6] Introduction to Computers and Spanish I [Spanish I] Applications B US History 1865 to Present [Social Studies 5 US Japanese I A Japanese I B History II] US History to 1865 [Social Studies 4 US History I] Japanese II A Virginia & US Government [American Government] Japanese II B Virginia & US History [United States History] Journalism A Visual Arts Grade 1 [Art 1] Journalism B Visual Arts Grade 2 [Art 2] Keyboarding HS Programming I: VB.NET Visual Arts Grade 3 [Art 3] Visual Arts Grade 4 [Art 4] Programming II: Java Psychology A Visual Arts Grade 5 [Art 5] Psychology B Visual Arts Grade 6 [Art 6] Visual Arts Grade 7 [Art 7] Web Design Visual Arts Grade 8 [Art 8] Visual Arts Kindergarten [Art K]

Education2020, Inc. 7303 East Earll Drive Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Approved SOL Courses Algebra I (Algebra I) Algebra II [Algebra II] Biology [Biology] Chemistry [Chemistry]

Earth Science [Earth Science] English Grade 6 (English 6) English Grade 10 [English 10]

English Grade 11 [English 11]

English Grade 12 [English 12] English Grade 7 [English 7]

English Grade 8 [English 8] English Grade 9 [English 9]

Geometry [Geometry]

Health Grade 10 [Health] Life Science [Life Science] Mathematics Grade 6 [Math 6] Mathematics Grade 7 [Math 7] Mathematics Grade 8 [Math 8] Physical Science [Physical Science]

Physics [Physics]

US History 1865 to Present [US History]
US History to 1865 [Middle School US History]
World History & Geography 1500-Present [World

History and Geography II 1500 and Beyond]

World History & Geography to 1500 [World History and Geography I to 1500]

Non-SOL Elective Courses

Art History I Basic Algebra Basic Mathematics

Career Planning and Development Computer Applications: Office 2007

Environmental Science

Foundations of Personal Wellness GED-Math Bundle (includes 3 strands)

GED-Reading GED-Science GED-Social Studies

GED-Writing Bundle (includes 2 strands)

Healthy Living

IDEA Writing - Instruction to Develop Expository

and Applied Writing Intermediate Algebra

Intro to Communication and Speech

Introduction to Art Lifetime Fitness

Literacy and Comprehension I Literacy and Comprehension II

Psychology Reading Skills Sociology

Strategies for Academic Success

The Classic Novels Package (includes 15 novels)

Writing Skills

ACT-Math Bundle (includes 3 strands) ACT-Reading Bundle (includes 3 strands)

**ACT-Writing** 

ACT-English Bundle (includes 3 strands)

ACT-Science

SAT-Math Bundle (includes 3 strands)

SAT-Critical Reading Bundle (includes 3 strands)

SAT-Writing

VT-VA-SOL-8th Grade Math
VT-VA-SOL-8th Grade Reading
VT-VA-SOL-8th Grade Writing
VT-VA-EOC-SOL-9th Grade Reading
VT-VA-EOC-SOL-9th Grade Writing
VT-VA-EOC-SOL-10th Grade Reading
VT-VA-EOC-SOL-10th Grade Writing
VT-VA-EOC-SOL-11th Grade Reading
VT-VA-EOC-SOL-11th Grade Writing

VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Algebra I VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Algebra II VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Geometry VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Earth Science VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Biology VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Chemistry

VT-VA-EOC-SOL-Civics & Economics VT-VA-EOC-SOL-World Geography

VT-VA-EOC-SOL-World History & Geography to 1500

VT-VA-EOC-SOL-World History & Geography 1500-Present

EdOptions Online Academy 500 West Annandale Road Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Algebra I [Algebra I]
Algebra II [Algebra II]
Algebra II [Pre-Calculus]
Biology [Biology]
Chemistry [Chemistry]

Chemistry [Chemistry]
Earth Science [Earth Science]

English Grade 10 [English II]

English Grade 11 [American Literature] English Grade 12 [British Literature]

English Grade 6 [English 6] English Grade 8 [English 8] English Grade 9 [English I] Geometry [Geometry]

Health Grade 9 [Health Grade 9] Life Science [Life Science Grade 7] Mathematics Grade 6 [Math 6] Mathematics Grade 7 [Math 7] Mathematics Grade 8 [Math 8] Physical Science [Physical Science]

Physics [Physics]

Science Grade 6 [Science Grade 6]

Spanish I [Spanish I] Spanish II [Spanish II]

Virginia & US Government [Government] Virginia & US History [American History]

World Geography [Geography]

World History & Geography 1500-Present [World

History Since 1500]

World History & Geography to 1500 [World History

Before 1815]

#### EdisonLearning, Inc. 485 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017

Approved SOL Courses

Algebra I [Algebra I]

Algebra II [Algebra II]

Biology [Biology]

Chemistry [Chemistry]

Earth Science [Earth Science]

English Grade 10 [World Literature II] English Grade 11 [American Literature]

English Grade 12 [British Literature]

English Grade 9 [World Literature I]

Geometry [Geometry]

World Geography [World Geography]

World History 1500-Present [World

History II]

Non-SOL Elective Courses

Astronomy

Biotechnology

Calculus

Computer Engineering

Electrical Engineering

**Environmental Science** 

**Epidemiology** 

Fitness

Forensics

General Math

Genetics

Health

HTML

Intro to Office Applications

Introduction to Technological Sciences

**JAVA** 

Life Science

Life Skills

Macroeconomics

Mechanical Engineering

Microeconomics

Music Theory

Natural Disasters

Physical Science

Pre-Algebra

Pre-Calculus

Psychology

Science of Computing

Sociology

Sports Science

Statistics

Superstars of Science

Trigonometry

#### Florida Virtual School 2145 Metrocenter Boulevard, Suite 200 Orlando, Florida 32835

Approved SOL Courses

Biology [Biology/Biology Honors]

Chemistry [Chemistry/Chemistry Honors]

English Grade 10 [English II]

English Grade 11 [English III]

English Grade 12 [English IV]

English Grade 9 [English I]

Geometry [Geometry/Geometry Honors]

Health Grade 9 [Health and PE Grade 9]

Latin I [Latin I]

Latin II [Latin II]

Latin III [Latin III]

Physics [Physics/Physics Honors]

Spanish I [Spanish I]

Spanish II [Spanish II]

Spanish III [Spanish III]

US & World Government [American

Government/American Government Honors]

US & World History [American History/American

History Honors]

Non-SOL Elective Courses

3D Art I Modeling

3D Art II Animation

Adult Ed GED

Algebra I (LRC)

Algebra II (LRC)

Algebra Readiness

American Government (LRC)

American History - Conspiracy Code

Game v1

American History (LRC)

AP Art History

AP Biology

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Computer Science A

AP English Language and Composition

AP English Literature and Composition

AP Environmental Science AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics

AP Psychology

AP Spanish Language

**AP Statistics** 

AP United States Government and Politics

AP United States History Audio Engineering Biology (LRC) Calculus

Chemistry (LRC)

Chinese II Chinese III

Computer Aided Design (CAD)

Computer Literacy Computer Programming I

Computing for College and Careers

Digital Arts I Digital Arts II

Digital Photography and Graphics

Digital Video Production Earth Space Science

Earth Space Science (LRC)

**Economics** 

Economics (LRC)
English I (LRC)
English II (LRC)
English III (LRC)
English IV (LRC)
Fitness Lifestyle Design

Flash Animation Game Design Geometry (LRC) Global Studies

Green Design and Technology Introduction to C++ Programming Introduction to Entrepreneurship I Introduction to Marketing I Introduction to Marketing II Journalism (available Jan.2012)

Liberal Arts Mathematics Life Management Skills

Marine Science

Middle School Business Keyboarding Middle School Comprehensive Science I

Middle School Mathematics I Middle School Spanish I Middle School U.S. History MJ Comprehensive PE Grades 6/7 MJ Comprehensive PE Grades 7/8 MJ Comprehensive Science 1

MJ Comprehensive Science 2 MJ Comprehensive Science 3 MJ Critical Thinking- Problem Solving- Learning

Strategies

MJ Fitness Grade 6 MJ Keyboarding

MJ Mathematics 1 (LRC) MJ Mathematics 2 (LRC) MJ Mathematics 3 (LRC) MJ Orientation to Art 2D

MJ Reading 1 MJ Spanish 1 MJ Spanish 2 MJ Spanish 2 v9 MJ U.S. History MJ World Cultures MJ World Geography Online Game Design

Personal Fitness- Adaptive IEP or 504 Plan

Personal Fitness

Physical Science (LRC)

Physics (LRC) Pre-Calculus Psychology I

Reading for College Success

**SAT Preparation** 

Thinking and Learning Strategies

Web Design I Web Design II World History

Giant Campus of Virginia 3131 Elliott Avenue, #790 Seattle, Washington 98121

Non-SOL Elective Courses

3D Art I Digital Arts I 3D Art II: Animation Digital Arts II Audio Engineering

Introduction to Entrepreneurship I Introduction to Entrepreneurship II Introduction to Marketing I

Introduction to Marketing I Introduction to Marketing II Computer Aided Design Image Design and Editing

Flash Animation

Flash Game Development

Game Design

Introduction to C++ Programming

Computer Literacy

Green Design and Technology

Web Design

K12 Virtual Schools, LLC	Music Grade 5 [Intermediate 3 Music]
2300 Corporate Park	6-8 General Music [Music Appreciation 6-8]
Herndon, Virginia 20171	9-12 General Music [Music Appreciation
	9-12]
Approved SOL Courses	PE Grade 3 [PE Grade 3]
Algebra I (Algebra I)	PE Grade 4 [PE Grade 4]
Biology [202 Biology]	PE Grade 6 [PE Grade 6]
Chemistry [302 Chemistry]	PE Grade 5 [PE Grade 5]
Civics and Economics [Civics and Economics (VA)]	PE Grade 7 [PE Grade 7]
Earth Science [112 Earth Science]	PE Grade 8 [PE Grade 8]
Earth Science [Earth Science Grade 6]	PE Grade 9 [PE Grade 9]
English Grade 1 [Language Arts 1]	Physical Science [Physical Science Grade 8]
English Grade 10 [202 Literary Analysis and	Physics [403 Physics]
Composition II]	Science Grade 1 [Science 1]
English Grade 11 [302 American Literature]	Science Grade 2 [Science 2]
English Grade 2 [Language Arts 2]	Science Grade 3 [Science 3]
English Grade 3 [Language Arts 3]	Science Grade 4 [Science 4]
English Grade 4 [Language Arts 4]	Science Grade 5 [Science 5]
English Grade 5 [Language Arts 5]	Science Kindergarten [Science K]
English Grade 6 [Intermediate Language Arts A]	Spanish I [VA Spanish I]
English Grade 7 [Intermediate Language Arts B]	Spanish II [VA Spanish II]
English Grade 8 [Language Arts and Phonics 8]	Spanish III [VA Spanish III]
English Grade 9 [102 Literary Analysis and	U.S. History 1865 to Present [American History
Composition I]	Since 1865]
English Kindergarten [Language Arts K]	U.S. History to 1865 [American History Before
German I [VA German I]	1865]
German II [VA German II]	Virginia & US Government [403 US Government]
Health Grade 3 (Health Grade 3]	Virginia & US History [303 US History]
Health Grade 4 [Health Grade 4]	Visual Arts Grade 1 [Art 1]
Health Grade 5 [Health Grade 5]	Visual Arts Grade 2 [Art 2]
Health Grade 6 [Health Grade 6]	Visual Arts Grade 3 [Art 3]
Health Grade 7 [Health Grade 7]	Visual Arts Grade 4 [Art 4]
Health Grade 8 [Health Grade 8]	Visual Arts Grade 5 [Intermediate Art: American A]
Health Grade 9 [Skills for Health]	Visual Arts Grade 6 [Intermediate Art: American B]
History Grade 1 [History 1]	Visual Arts Grade 7 [Intermediate Art: World A]
History Grade 2 [History 2]	Visual Arts Grade 8 [Intermediate Art: World B]
History Grade 3 [History 3]	Visual Arts Kindergarten [Art K]
History Grade 4 [History Virginia Studies]	World Geography [213 Geography and World
History Kindergarten [History K]	Cultures]
Latin I [VA Latin I]	World History to 1500 [102 World History (WH I)]
Latin II [VA Latin II]	World History 1500-Present [103 World History
Life Science [Life Science Grade 7]	(WHII)]
Mathematics Grade 6 [Pre-Algebra A]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Mathematics Grade 7 [Pre-Algebra B]	Virtual High School Global Consortium
Mathematics Kindergarten [Math K]	4 Clock Tower, #510
Mathematics Grade 1 [Math 1]	Maynard, Massachusetts 01754
Mathematics Grade 2 [Math 2]	
Mathematics Grade 3 [Math 3]	Non-SOL Elective Courses
Mathematics Grade 4 [Math 4]	101 Ways to Write a Short Story
Mathematics Grade 5 [Math 5]	Academic Writing
Modern Languages I [VA Chinese I]	Advanced Topics-Chemistry
Modern Languages II [VA Chinese II]	Advanced Web Design
Music Grade 1 [Beginning 1 Music]	American Foreign Policy
Music Grade 2 [Beginning 2 Music]	American Multiculturalism
Music Grade 3 [Intermediate 1 Music]	American Popular Music
Music Grade 4 [Intermediate 2 Music]	Anatomy & Physiology

Animal Behavior & Zoology

Animation & Effects

AP Art History

AP Biology

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Computer Science A

AP Economics

AP English Language & Composition

AP English Literature & Composition

AP Environmental Science

AP European History

AP French Language

AP Government & Politics: U.S.

AP Music Theory

AP Physics B

AP Physics C

AP Psychology

AP Spanish Lang/Spanish V

AP Statistics-HP

AP US History

AP World History

Art History

Arts & Ideas

Astronomy Basics

Bad Boys in Literature

Basic Mandarin

Bioethics Symposium

Biotechnology

Blogs, Wikis, & Web Tools: Research/Digital Age

Business & Personal Law

CAD

Career Awareness/New Millennium

Caribbean Art History

Chemicals of Civilization

Community Service Learning: You Can Change the

World!

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Constitutional Law

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Democracy in America

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DNA Technology

Eastern & Western Thought

Employability Skills for the 21st Century

Engineering for Sustainable Energy

**Engineering Principles** 

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**Environmental Chemistry** 

Environmental Science - World Around Us

**Epidemics** 

Essay Writing

Evolution & Nature of Science

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Folklore & Literature of Myth, Magic, and Ritual

Forensic Science Genes & Disease

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in the Real World

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Heroes

History & American Pop Music

History of Photography

Horror Writers

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Intro to Calculus AB

Intro to Chemistry

Intro to Computer Science

Intro to Economics

Intro to Environmental Science

Intro to Government

Intro to Physics B

Intro to Psychology

Intro to Statistics

Intro to US History

Investing in the Stock Market

Journalism/Digital Age

Kindergarten Apprentice Teacher

Latin 1 Latin 2

Learning to Invest/Stock Market Lewis & Clark's Expedition

Literacy Skills/21st Century

Maritime History: Riders on the Storm, Story of the

United States Life-Saving Service 1870-1920

Marketing & the Internet

Math You Can Use In College

Mathematical Reasoning & Logic

Meteorology: Atmospheric Interactions

MS Business Found.

MS Civics Private Offering: When You Rule the

World

MS Engineering: Up -Up & Away!

MS Pre-Algebra

MS Society & Humanity

MS Technology Tools

MS The Teenage Brain: What's Going On In There? MS World War II through the Eyes of Dr. Seuss

Music Composition: Exploration of Style

Music Listening & Critique

Music: Fundamentals of Composition

Mythology: Around the World

Nuclear Physics: Science, Technology & Society Number Theory: Patterns, Puzzles & Cryptography Oceanography: Virtual Semester at Sea

Parenting /21st Century

Peacemaking

Pearl Harbor to Atomic Bomb: Pacific War, 1941-

1945

Personal Finance Perspectives in Health

Philosophy I

Poetry Reading & Writing

Poetry Writing Portuguese I Practical Law

Preparing for College Admissions & Financial Aid

Pre-veterinary Medicine Programming in Visual Basic

Psychology I

Psychology of Crime Russian Lang. & Culture Screenwriting Fundamentals Shakespeare in Films

Sociology

Spanish Culture & 20th Century

Hispanic Lit.

Sports & American Society

Stat. & Business Quality Management

Glory of Ancient Rome

Golden Age of Classical Greece

Holocaust Human Body Vietnam War

Video Game Design & Development using Game

Maker

Web Design & Internet Research Web Design: Artistry & Functionality Who Do I Want To Be When I Grow Up? World Conflict. United Nations Intro

World Religions

Young Adult Literature

Life Planning Marketing I & II Psychology York County School Division 302 Dare Road Yorktown, Virginia 23692

Approved SOL Courses
Algebra I [Algebra I]
Algebra II [Algebra II]
Biology [Biology]
Chemistry [Chemistry]
Earth Science [Earth Science]

English Grade 10 [English Grade 10] English Grade 11 [English Grade 11] English Grade 12 [English Grade 12]

English Grade 9 [English Grade 9]

Geometry [Geometry A]

Health Grade 9 [Health Grade 9]

Mathematical Analysis [Mathematical Analysis]

PE Grade 10 [PE Grade 10]

Physics [Physics]
Spanish III [Spanish III]
Trigonometry [Trigonometry]

Virginia & U.S. Government [Virginia and US

Government]

Virginia & U.S. History [Virginia and US History]

World Geography [World Geography] World History 1500-Present [World

History II1

World History to 1500 [World History I]

Non-SOL Elective Courses

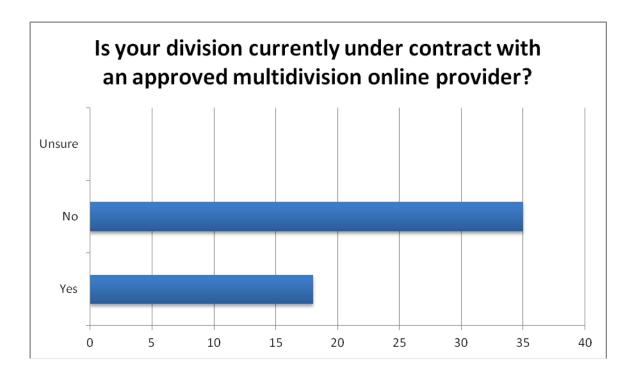
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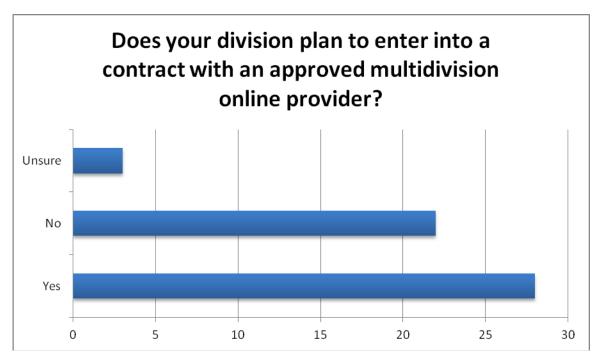
Computer Information Systems I & II Ecology & Environmental Science

Financial Planning Introduction to Marketing Leadership Seminar

#### **Summary of Contract Information from School Divisions**

In September 2011, the Department of Education surveyed the school divisions to determine if they planned to contract with approved multidivision online providers. Of the 133 divisions surveyed, 59 responses were received. The following charts indicate the results.





#### **Summary of Contract Information from Multidivision Online Providers**

In September 2011, the Department of Education surveyed approved multidivision online providers to determine which Virginia public school divisions had entered into contracts. Here are the results:

#### **Apex Learning**

Colonial Beach Public Schools Fairfax County Public Schools Middlesex County Public Schools Fauquier County Public Schools Rappahannock Public Schools Botetourt County Public Schools King George County Schools

#### **Brigham Young University**

Orange County Public Schools Frederick County Public Schools Culpeper Public Schools

#### **CCPSOnline**

None

#### CompuHigh

Augusta County Public Schools Staunton Public Schools

#### **Giant Campus**

None

#### K-12 Online

Carroll County Public Schools Pittsylvania County Schools Gloucester County Public Schools Buena Vista City Schools Grayson County Public Schools

#### **Connections Academy**

None

#### **Edison Learning**

None

#### **EdOptions Online**

None

#### **Education 2020**

Loudoun County Public Schools

#### Florida Virtual Schools

Danville Public Schools Martinsville City Schools Salem City Schools Fairfax County Schools Falls Church Public Schools Henrico County Schools Arlington County Schools

#### **VHS Global Consortium**

Fauquier County Public Schools Fluvanna County Public Schools Harrisonburg City Public Schools Winchester Public Schools Buena Vista City Schools Alexandria City Public Schools

#### York County Online School

Suffolk County Public Schools Lancaster County Public Schools

#### **Appendixes**

#### Appendix A

#### **Establishment of Virtual School Programs.**

§ 22.1-212.23. Definitions.

#### As used in this article:

"Multidivision online provider" means (i) a private or nonprofit organization that enters into a contract with a local school board to provide online courses or programs through that school board to students who reside in Virginia both within and outside the geographical boundaries of that school division; (ii) a private or nonprofit organization that enters into contracts with multiple local school boards to provide online courses or programs to students in grades K through 12 through those school boards; or (iii) a local school board that provides online courses or programs to students who reside in Virginia but outside the geographical boundaries of that school division. However, "multidivision online provider" shall not include (a) a local school board's online learning program in which fewer than 10 percent of the students enrolled reside outside the geographical boundaries of that school division; (b) multiple local school boards that establish joint online courses or programs in which fewer than 10 percent of the students enrolled reside outside the geographical boundaries of those school divisions; (c) local school boards that provide online learning courses or programs for their students through an arrangement with a public or private institution of higher education; or (d) local school boards providing online courses or programs through a private or nonprofit organization that has been approved as a multidivision online provider.

"Online course" means a course or grade-level subject instruction that (i) is delivered by a multidivision online provider primarily electronically using the Internet or other computer-based methods and (ii) is taught by a teacher primarily from a remote location, with student access to the teacher given synchronously, asynchronously, or both.

"Virtual school program" means a series of online courses with instructional content that (i) is delivered by a multidivision online provider primarily electronically using the Internet or other computer-based methods; (ii) is taught by a teacher primarily from a remote location, with student access to the teacher given synchronously, asynchronously, or both; (iii) is delivered as a part-time or full-time program; and (iv) has an online component with online lessons and tools for student and data management. An online course or virtual school program may be delivered to students at school as part of the regularly scheduled school day.

§ 22.1-212.24. Approval of multidivision online providers; contracts with local school boards.

A. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop, and the Board of Education shall approve, (i) the criteria and application process for approving multidivision online providers; (ii) a process for monitoring approved multidivision online providers; (iii) a process for revocation of a previously approved multidivision online provider; and (iv) an appeals process for a multidivision online provider whose approval was revoked or whose application was denied. The process developed under this subsection shall require approvals and revocations to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and either the denial of an application or revocation of approval may be appealed to the Board of Education for review. The approval of a multidivision online provider under this section shall be effective until the approval is revoked, for cause, pursuant to the terms of this section. Any notice of revocation of approval of a multidivision online provider or rejection of an application by a multidivision online provider shall state the grounds for such action with reasonable specificity and give reasonable notice to the multidivision online provider to appeal. These criteria and processes shall be adopted by January 31, 2011.

B. In developing the criteria for approval pursuant to subsection A, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall (i) require multidivision online providers to be accredited by a national, regional, or state accreditation

program approved by the Board; (ii) require such courses or programs, pupil performance standards, and curriculum to meet or exceed any applicable Standards of Learning and Standards of Accreditation; (iii) require any educational objectives and assessments used to measure pupil progress toward achievement of the school's pupil performance standards to be in accordance with the Board's Standards of Accreditation and all applicable state and federal laws; and (iv) require such courses or programs to maintain minimum staffing requirements appropriate for virtual school programs.

C. Local school boards may enter into contracts, consistent with the criteria approved by the Board pursuant to this section, with approved private or nonprofit organizations to provide multidivision online courses and virtual school programs. Such contracts shall be exempt from the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.).

§ 22.1-212.25. Information regarding online courses and virtual programs; report.

A. The Department of Education shall develop and maintain a website that provides objective information for students, parents, and educators regarding online courses and virtual programs offered through local school boards by multidivision online providers that have been approved in accordance with § 22.1-212.24. The website shall include information regarding the overall instructional programs, the specific content of individual online courses and online programs, a direct link to each multidivision online provider's website, how to register for online learning programs and courses, teacher qualifications, course completion rates, and other evaluative and comparative information. The website shall also provide information regarding the process and criteria for approving multidivision online providers. Multidivision online providers shall provide the Department of Education the required information for the website as a condition of maintaining Board approval.

B. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop model policies and procedures regarding student access to online courses and online learning programs that may be used by local school divisions.

Nothing in this article shall be deemed to require a local school division to adopt model policies or procedures developed pursuant to this section.

- C. Beginning November 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Board of Education shall include in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly information regarding multidivision online learning during the previous school year. The information shall include but not be limited to student demographics, course enrollment data, parental satisfaction, aggregated student course completion and passing rates, and activities and outcomes of course and provider approval reviews. The November 1, 2011, report shall be an interim progress report and include information on the criteria and processes adopted by the Board and outcomes of provider applications.
- D. By July 1, 2011, local school boards shall post on their websites information regarding online courses and programs that are available through the school division. Such information shall include but not be limited to the types of online courses and programs available to students through the school division, when the school division will pay course fees and other costs for nonresident students, and the granting of high school credit.
- § 22.1-212.26. Teachers and administrators of online courses and virtual programs.
- A. Teachers who deliver instruction to students through online courses or virtual school programs shall be licensed by the Board of Education and shall be subject to the requirements of §§  $\underline{22.1-296.1}$  and  $\underline{22.1-296.2}$  applicable to teachers employed by a local school board.
- B. The administrator of a virtual school program shall hold an advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with educational and work experience in administering educational programs.
- § 22.1-212.27. Students enrolled in online courses and virtual programs.

- A. Any student enrolled in any online course or virtual program offered by a local school division shall be enrolled in a public school in Virginia as provided in § 22.1-3.1.
- B. A student's parent or guardian shall give written permission prior to the enrollment of the student in any full-time virtual program offered by a local school division.
- C. A student shall not be charged tuition for enrolling in any online course or virtual program offered by the school division in which he resides, pursuant to  $\S 22.1-3$ . However, tuition may be charged to students who do not reside within the boundaries of the school division offering such course or program, pursuant to  $\S 22.1-5$ .

#### Appendix B

#### Criteria for Approval of Multidivision Online Providers

The Criteria for Approval of Multidivision Online Providers address the following sections of the *Code of Virginia*.

As specified in § 22.1-212.24.A & B, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will develop, and the Board of Education will approve, the criteria for approving multidivision online providers, including those specified in these sections. Per § 22.1-212.26.A & B, teachers and administrators for multidivision online providers must meet specified requirements.

# CATEGORY ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS Accreditation

#### **CRITERIA**

The multidivision online provider's program is accredited by one of the following accrediting agencies:

AdvancEd (formerly Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation [CITA], North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement [NCA CASI], and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement [SACS CASI])

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Elementary Schools and Commission on Secondary Schools

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) (formerly Northwest Association of Accredited Schools)

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)

School divisions operating as multidivision online providers may be deemed as meeting accreditation requirements if a majority of its schools are fully accredited by the Virginia Board of Education.

Organizational Stability

The multidivision online provider has an effective and stable organizational and management structure. The multidivision online provider is financially solvent. The legal status of the online program is clear with no ambiguities in ownership, control, or responsibility.

STAFFING Teachers

All teachers hired by the multidivision online provider who provide instruction to students meet the requirements set forth in section § 22.1-296.1 and 22.1-296.2 of the Code of Virginia and will be highly qualified, licensed by the Virginia Board of Education, and endorsed in their course content area. The established agreements between Virginia and other states for reciprocal teacher licensure are also in effect for virtual schools.

The multidivision online provider must provide at least one FTE teacher at a reasonable ratio to

Administrators

All administrators hired by the multidivision online provider meet the requirements set forth in section § 22.1-212.26.B of the Code of Virginia. The Code of Virginia states: "The administrator of a virtual school program must hold an advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with educational and work experience in administering education programs."

students based on grade and subject being taught but

not exceeding 150 students per FTE teacher.

DATA
Data Reporting

Multidivision online providers provide data to each division in which students are enrolled for the purposes of monitoring student participation and progress to ensure that students meet division participation requirements and make progress toward successful completion of the course. Data and data management meet state and federal reporting requirements.

**Data Reporting** 

Multidivision online providers provide data to the Virginia Department of Education for the purposes of reporting information to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding multidivision online learning during the previous school year.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Pupil Performance

The pupil performance standards for online courses or virtual school programs meet or exceed any applicable Virginia Board of Education Standards of Accreditation. Any educational objectives and assessments used to measure pupil progress toward achieving pupil performance standards are in accordance with the Board's Standards of Accreditation and all applicable state and federal laws.

Content

The content of each online course is accurate, rigorous, and meets or exceeds the content of courses taught in traditional school environments. The multidivision online provider must provide evidence that at least two subject matter experts have reviewed and validated the accuracy of online content. Standards meet or exceed the Virginia Standards of Learning and the Standards of Accreditation.

#### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Research-based

Differentiation

**Special Needs** 

Curriculum and instruction reflect both scientifically-based research and best practices for online courses. Differentiation in content, delivery of content, and assessments meets the needs of a variety of learners. Students with special needs, including students with disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, students with financial limitations, students from traditionally underrepresented groups, and others, are not excluded from participating in courses provided by the multidivision online provider. The provider must comply with all state and federal regulations specific to students with disabilities and work with the division to ensure student individualized education programs (IEPs) are implemented.

TECHNOLOGY Reliability

Support

The system used to support course delivery and management is effective and reliable.

Technical support is consistently available on a timely basis for students, parents, and school divisions.

#### **Application Process for Multidivision Online Providers**

#### The application is accessible online:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/index.shtml and

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual\_learning/virtual\_schools/providers/application/index.shtml

The application, appeals, monitoring, and revocation processes address the following section of the *Code of Virginia*.

As specified in § 22.1-212.24.A, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will develop, and the Board of Education will approve, the processes for approving and monitoring multidivision online providers, as well as a process for the revocation of a previously approved multidivision online provider and an appeal process for a multidivision online provider whose approval was revoked or for whom application was denied.

Local school boards in Virginia may enter contracts with private organizations, educational institutions, or nonprofit virtual school organizations to establish multidivision online provider agreements once the Superintendent of Public Instruction has established the private, nonprofit, or school division virtual school organization as an approved multidivision online provider. The instruction in a virtual school is done primarily by a teacher who is in a different physical setting from the student, though local mentors may support this instruction.

#### A multidivision online provider is

- a private or nonprofit organization that enters into a contract with a local school board to provide online courses or programs through that school board to students who reside in Virginia both within and outside the geographical boundaries of that school division
- a private or nonprofit organization that enters into contracts with multiple local school boards to provide online courses or programs to students in grades K through 12 through those school boards
- a local school board that provides online courses or programs to students who reside in Virginia but outside the geographical boundaries of that school division

#### A multidivision online provider is not

- a local school board's online learning program in which fewer than 10 percent of the students enrolled reside outside the geographical boundaries of that school division
- multiple local school boards that establish joint online courses or programs in which fewer than 10
  percent of the students enrolled reside outside the geographical boundaries of those school
  divisions
- local school boards that provide online learning courses or programs for their students through an arrangement with a public or private institution of higher education
- local school boards providing online courses or programs through a private or nonprofit organization that has been approved as a multidivision online provider

Electronic applications for approval will be made available on the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Web site on February 1, 2011. Applications will be accepted for a period of 30 calendar days beginning February 1. The application will be accessible at <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual</a> learning/index.shtml.

Applications will be reviewed by teams selected by VDOE and whose members have expertise in curriculum, instruction, online learning, counseling support, assessment and accountability, finance, staff quality, data collection and use, and technology and technical support. The applications will be reviewed

based on the Criteria for Approving Multidivision Online Providers. These teams will prepare a report with recommendations for the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 30 business days of the close of the application period.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction will make a decision regarding approval of multidivision online providers and official notification of approval or notification of denial will be mailed to the applicant within 45 business days of the close of the application period. The letter will be sent by the U.S. Postal Service and will include detailed reasons for denial if applicable.

#### **Appeals Process for Multidivision Online Providers**

If the Superintendent of Public Instruction denies approval of an application, the applicant may submit a revised application within 30 business days of notification; the applicant is not required to submit a revised application. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will review any changes and either approve or deny the resubmitted application within 45 business days from the receipt of a resubmitted application.

An applicant whose application has been denied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, either upon the original submission of the application or upon submission of a revised application, may appeal the decision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Virginia Board of Education.

The appeal must be submitted to the Virginia Board of Education within 30 business days of the mailing of the decision being appealed. The appeal must be in writing. The appeal shall contain: (1) a copy of the decision being appealed; (2) the applicant's statement of the errors alleged in the decision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and (3) together with those portions of the application that bear on the issues on appeal.

The appeal to the Board is on the record, and the Board will not receive additional information, except for good cause shown. "Good cause" means: (1) there is significant, relevant information not previously available and not presented to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; (2) there have been significant changes in factors or circumstances relating to the application subsequent to the application being presented to the Superintendent; or (3) there is a substantial material mistake of fact or law in the application, and which could not have been avoided by diligence on the part of the applicant.

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Board will convene to hear the matter; the meeting may be either a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, or upon a meeting called specially for the purpose. The Board delegates to the president the authority to issue such rulings and instructions as will ensure that the appeal is heard in a timely, efficient, and effective manner. The Board will render its decision in writing.

Denied applicants may also submit a new application in subsequent application periods.

#### **Regular Monitoring of Multidivision Online Providers**

An oversight committee of the Virginia Department of Education will conduct selected reviews of approved providers and their approved courses each year. The intent of the regular monitoring process is to provide oversight through periodic review of previously approved programs and to intervene when programs no longer meet the Criteria for Approving Multidivision Online Providers, including possible revocation of approved programs. Information from the reviews will be used in preparing an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly of Virginia.

The applicant must submit a Provider Monitoring Report each year; however, the Virginia Department of Education may request that a Provider Monitoring Report be completed and submitted at any time. Multidivision online providers must complete a full review after three years.

The annual Provider Monitoring Report requires providers to supply updates and changes to their programs using the online process (see Appendix B). (NOTE: Much of this form will be generated online based on the original application by the provider and is not shown in Appendix B). The oversight committee will use the Application Review Rubric (Appendix A) to evaluate the information about program changes as well as information collected from stakeholder surveys and statistical data related to course completion and student growth and achievement. The oversight committee will make a recommendation within 30 business days. Based on the recommendation of the oversight committee, a decision regarding the continued approval of multidivision online providers will be made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 15 business days of receipt of the monitoring report. The applicants will be notified of their status via a letter sent by the U.S. Postal Service within 45 business days of the end of the monitoring report period.

A multidivision online provider who no longer meets the Criteria for Approving Multidivision Online Providers is placed on provisional status (they may continue to serve Virginia students currently enrolled in the multidivision online program but cannot enroll new students or enter into new multidivision online provider contracts) and must address the concerns of the oversight committee and the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 40 business days of receipt of notification. If the provider does not address the concerns to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the approval status of the provider may be revoked at the end of the academic year or provisional status may be extended; however, provisional status will not be extended past the full review date.

#### **Revocation Process for Multidivision Online Providers**

The approval of a multidivision online provider will remain in effect until the approval is revoked for cause, pursuant to section § 22.1-212.24 of the *Code of Virginia*. The decision regarding revocation of a previously approved multidivision online provider will be made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction based on the oversight committee's report and recommendation during the monitoring process.

Revocation notices will be made by certified mail within five business days after the decision has been made.

If the Superintendent of Public Instruction has revoked a provider's approval, the applicant may appeal, in writing, to the Virginia Board of Education within 30 business days of the date the revocation letter is mailed. The Board of Education will review the appeal within 60 business days of the date the appeal is received—or at the next public meeting if none takes place within 60 days of receiving the appeal. The final decision of the Board of Education will be sent by letter to the individual submitting the appeal. This decision of the Board of Education is intended to be a final "case decision" within the meaning of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA) § 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, and subject to further review in accordance with the APA and Part 2A of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The APA details the authority of state agencies to make decisions based on regulations and explains the standard procedures to be used.

If a provider's approval is revoked by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and upheld by the Board of Education, the applicant may submit a new application during the next application period.

#### Application to Become an Approved Multidivision Online Provider

(Note: This application will be an online form to be completed by applicants.) See:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual learning/virtual schools/providers/application/index.shtml

The Application addresses the following sections of the *Code of Virginia*.

As specified in § 22.1-212.24.A & B, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will develop, and the Board of Education will approve, the criteria and application process for approving multidivision online providers, including those specified in these sections. Per § 22.1-212.26.A & B, teachers and administrators for multidivision online providers must meet specified requirements.

This application must be completed by each provider seeking approval to provide multidivision online courses or programs through local school boards in Virginia. The initial online application period will be available for 30 calendar days.

Applications must include all the information requested. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Virginia Department of Education will provide the applicant with a written decision regarding the approval or denial of the application within 45 business days of the close of the application period.

Please submit the completed application online at [INSERT URL]. Review and follow all instructions carefully. Answer all questions fully but within any character-length stipulations. Refrain from submitting additional supplemental materials beyond what is specifically requested.

Supporting documentation submissions must be sent as Portable Document Format (PDF) files. A copy of the Application Affidavit must be signed, scanned, and attached to the application as a PDF.

Questions may be directed to Cheri Kelleher, Coordinator of Virtual Programs, at the Virginia Department of Education, by phone at 804-786-9281 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:cheri.kelleher@doe.virginia.gov">cheri.kelleher@doe.virginia.gov</a>.

#### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS A MULTIDIVISION ONLINE PROVIDER

(Note: The application will be an online form to be completed by applicants, though this page will be printed, signed, and submitted as a PDF document.)

Part I. Applicant Affidavit	
Applicant:	
Primary Contact Person:	
Address:	City/State/Zip:
Telephone:	Fax:
E-Mail Address:	Web Site:
Printed Name:	Signature:
Title:	Date Signed:
Certification:	
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program conforms to the provisions of occur in the operation or ownership of Department of Education prior to or in misleading, or incomplete information	certify that the information contained in, and attached to, this st of my knowledge and that the multidivision online provider the <i>Code of Virginia § 22.1-212.23</i> through <i>22.1-212.27</i> . If changes the program, I further certify that I will notify the Virginia mediately following such changes. I understand that providing false or failing to notify the Department of changes as they occur may the list of approved multidivision online providers as provided for
Signature of Authorized Official	Date
Title	

#### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS A MULTIDIVISION ONLINE PROVIDER

(Note: This application will be an online form to be completed by applicants.)

#### Part II. Program Profile

The Application: Program Profile addresses the following section in the *Code of Virginia*.

As specified in § 22.1-212.25, the Virginia Department of Education will develop and maintain a Web site that provides objective information for students, parents, and educators regarding online courses and virtual programs offered through local school boards by approved multidivision online providers. Some of this information must be provided by multidivision online providers as a condition of maintaining Board approval.

Please respond to each of the following, limiting the number of characters when noted:

- 1. Type of program (e.g., full-time, supplemental, fully-online, blended [online instruction by a teacher in a different physical location from the student but with local mentors], computer-based instruction, or other)
- 2. URL for provider's Web site and contact information for division personnel, parents, and students, as well as a link to a course directory page where individual course syllabi may be accessed (list of approved courses and link to Web page for "Virginia Approved Courses")
- 3. Grade levels served
- 4. Target population (e.g., full-time, credit recovery, expanded options, advanced placement, etc.)
- 5. Capacity of the program in terms of the number of full-time equivalent students that can be served each year
- 6. Enrollment schedule and course calendar, including course withdrawal dates, cohort information, and grading periods
- 7. The learning management system used, including Shareable Content Object Reference Model (SCORM) compliance (300 characters)
- 8. Third-party providers used and their interactions with stakeholders, including how this interaction is monitored (300 characters)
- 9. Instructional model used in courses (600 characters)
- 10. Technology infrastructure model used to deliver and support courses (300 characters)
- 11. In general, online teacher qualifications, including academic credentials, licensure, certifications, experience, and the teacher review process (600 characters)
- 12. Average teacher load by subject area or grade-level range
- 13. In general, type and frequency of synchronous and asynchronous methods of student-teacher interaction, including the monitoring process (300 characters)
- 14. Average teacher availability (hours of support) for students and parents, including communication methods (300 characters)
- 15. Technical support availability for students, parents, and school personnel and methods for providing timely support (300 characters)
- 16. How student progress is monitored and reported, including verification of authenticity of student work (300 characters)
- 17. Course completion rates and graduation rates, where applicable (300 characters)
- 18. Information on student test scores, including Virginia's Standards of Learning assessment outcomes; English language proficiency; the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement test outcomes; and outcomes on other standardized assessments as applicable (600 characters)
- 19. Specific special education supports and services for students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP) or a 504 Plan (600 characters)
- 20. Information on support services, including career explanation and counseling, academic advising and placement, assistance for students with limited English proficiency, mental health and social services, gifted education, high school/college dual-enrollment credits, etc. (600 characters)
- 21. Information on Internet safety policies, procedures, and monitoring (600 characters)
- 22. Information on disaster recovery plans and strategies for addressing short- and long-term service interruptions (300 characters)

23. Program experience in providing online or virtual instruction programs (300 characters)

#### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS A MULTIDIVISION ONLINE PROVIDER

(*Note: This application will be an online form to be completed by applicants.*)

#### Part III. Program Requirements

The Application: Program Requirements addresses the following sections of the Code of Virginia.

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Please indicate whether your virtual instruction program meets these requirements by checking the appropriate box. Applications must provide documentation to support responses for each question. An application without the requested documentation will not be considered for approval.

This application is a

- □ new submission
- □ resubmission (previously denied)
- □ resubmission (third year monitoring submission)
- □ resubmission (expanding or revising scope of services)

#### Accreditation

The multidivision online provider's program is accredited by one of the following accrediting agencies: (Please check one of the agencies listed below and attach accreditation certificate with dates of validity.)

- AdvancEd (formerly Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation [CITA],
   North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement [NCA CASI],
   and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School
   Improvement [SACS CASI])
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Elementary Schools and Commission on Secondary Schools
- □ New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) (formerly Northwest Association of Accredited Schools)
- □ Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- □ Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)

Note: School divisions operating as multidivision online providers may be deemed as meeting accreditation requirements if a majority of its schools are fully accredited by the Virginia Board of Education.

#### **Organizational Stability**

The multidivision online provider has an effective and stable organizational management structure. The multidivision online provider is financially solvent. The legal status of the online program is clear with no ambiguities in ownership, control, or responsibility.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

• Independent audit findings or other financial information that document financial stability from the previous three years, if available

#### **Staffing**

I. All teachers hired by the multidivision online provider who provide instruction to students meet the requirements set forth in section § 22.1-296.1 and 22.1-296.2 of the *Code of Virginia* and will be highly qualified, licensed by the Virginia Board of Education, and endorsed in their course content area.

Please include evidence to support provider compliance:

- Evidence that the multidivision online provider will hire only highly qualified teachers licensed by the Virginia Board of Education and endorsed in the content area they will teach
- An electronic listing of all teachers; teacher license number; and dates of background, fingerprint, and convictions check, to be updated immediately as new teachers are hired. No course will be approved to be offered until a teacher has been hired.
- Willingness and ability to provide other staff records to the Virginia Department of Education with the information necessary to verify compliance for maintaining approval
- II. All administrators hired by the multidivision online provider meet the requirements set forth in section § 22.1-212.26.B of the Code of Virginia. The Code of Virginia states: "The administrator of a virtual school program must hold an advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with educational and work experience in administering education programs."

Please include evidence to support provider compliance:

- Qualifications required by the provider for administrators
- III. Provide at least one FTE teacher at a reasonable ratio to students based on grade and subject being taught, but not exceeding 150 students per FTE teacher.

Please include evidence to support provider compliance:

• A statement regarding student/teacher ratios that will not be exceeded, listed by course, and a rationale supporting the established ratio.

#### Data

I. Multidivision online providers must provide data to each division in which students are enrolled for the purposes of monitoring student participation and progress to ensure that students meet division participation requirements and make progress toward successful completion of the course. Data and data management meet state and federal reporting requirements.

Please include evidence to support provider compliance including the following:

- Written policies and procedures for recording, monitoring, and reporting student participation and progress
- Written grading and reporting policies
- Ability to deliver data to meet state and federal requirements
- Ability to transmit data electronically to each division
- II. Multidivision online providers must provide data to the Virginia Department of Education for the purposes of reporting information to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding multidivision online learning during the previous school year.

Please include evidence that the following data are collected and, where applicable, can be reported in a format consistent with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Education's data collection:

• Parental satisfaction

• Activities and outcomes of course and provider approval reviews. This may include how course satisfaction and approval of the provider's services by the contracting division are conducted and how the results will be shared with the Virginia Department of Education

#### **Accountability**

I. The pupil performance standards for online courses or virtual school programs meet or exceed any applicable Virginia Board of Education Standards of Accreditation. Any educational objectives and assessments used to measure pupil progress toward achieving pupil performance standards are in accordance with the Board's Standards of Accreditation and all applicable state and federal laws.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

- Evidence that the multidivision online provider has the ability to work with divisions to meet the applicable Virginia Board of Education Standards of Accreditation, and all applicable state and federal laws
- II. The content of each online course is rigorous and meets or exceeds the content of courses taught in traditional school environments. Standards meet or exceed the Virginia Standards of Learning and the Standards of Accreditation.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

- The complete list of courses to be offered in Virginia, including a URL for the course directory which includes an online syllabus for each course
- Correlation using the online template provided by VDOE for all courses being offered to Virginia students, indicating what Virginia Standards of Learning are met by each course and describing where each course might exceed Virginia's Standards of Learning
- Written policies and procedures related to supporting state achievement testing

#### **Curriculum and Instruction**

 Curriculum and instruction reflect both scientifically-based research and best practices for online courses.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

- Descriptions of basis for curriculum used and/or developed
- Descriptions of basis for instructional methodologies used
- II. Differentiation in content, delivery of content, and assessments meets the needs of a variety of learners.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

- Description of means used to differentiate course content
- Description of how delivery of content is differentiated for different learners
- Description of various assessments used throughout the course
- III. Students with special needs, including students with disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, students with financial limitations, students from traditionally underrepresented groups, and others, are not excluded from participating in courses provided by the multidivision online provider. The provider must comply with all state and federal regulations specific to students with disabilities and work with the division to ensure student individualized education programs (IEPs) are implemented.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

- Evidence that no students are excluded based on special needs
- Evidence that materials used in courses are in accessible digital formats for use by assistive technology devices or programs and that content is SCORM compliant
- Evidence that the multidivision online provider has the ability to work with LEA to meet the applicable state and federal regulations specific to students with disabilities and to implement specific student IEPs

#### **Technology**

I. The system used to support course delivery and management is effective and reliable.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

- Description of the chosen course delivery and management system
- Statistical information on system availability, downtime, and back-up procedures
- II. Technical support is consistently available on a timely basis for students, parents, and school divisions.

Please provide written documentation to support provider compliance:

• Description of technical support mechanisms in place

Upon request, the applicant will provide course access to the Virginia Department of Education during the review phase of the application process.

#### Course Correlation to Virginia Standards of Learning

A 90 percent alignment to the Virginia Standards of Learning is required for approval.

[THIS WILL BE AN ONLINE FORM]

Name of Provider: Name of Course: URL for Course Syllabus: Last Revision Date:

(Specify g	(Specify grade and subject area SOL)		
Standard:	How does the course content address this		
	standard? (Please refer to syllabus posted on		
	your Web site.)		
1.1 The student will			
a) demonstrate			
b) analyze			
c) draw conclusions			
How might this cours	se exceed the Virginia Standards of Learning?		

#### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS A MULTIDIVISION ONLINE PROVIDER

(Note: This application will be an online form to be completed by applicants.)

#### Part IV. Program Description

The Application: Program Description addresses the following sections of the *Code of Virginia*.

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The following information will assist the Virginia Department of Education evaluation team using the rubric in Appendix A to determine the quality of the provided services. These responses will be used while reviewing the program. Please provide a narrative response not to exceed the specified character limits. Include prior experience, if applicable (for the initial application only, such experience may reflect that from comparable states if not currently a provider in Virginia). For organizations which have not provided online courses before, and for the initial application only, descriptions of policies, procedures and descriptions of the program's technical capabilities to meet the requirements will be considered.

#### **Organizational Strengths (5,000 characters)**

Provide information about the leadership, organizational, and management structure of the multidivision online provider, including:

- Mission statement
- Functions, organization, responsibilities, and membership of the governance organization
- Stability of management structures
- Tenor of relationships between all levels in the organization

#### **Teacher and Administrator Quality (5,000 characters)**

Provide information on teacher quality within the virtual program, indicating the proficiency of teachers—including descriptions of measures—in the following areas:

- Content area knowledge
- Multimedia applications and tools
- Developmentally appropriate software
- Assessment
- Internet safety policies

This should also include professional development requirements and teacher evaluation procedures.

Descriptive information should include the following data. No course will be approved to be offered until a teacher has been hired.

- Total number of teachers
- Number and percentage of teachers with advanced degrees
- Average and range of years of teaching experience
- Average and range of years of online teaching experience
- Number and percentage of highly qualified teachers
- Percentage of National Board Certified teachers
- Teacher/staff turnover rates

Provide information about administrator quality within the virtual school program, including information about:

- Requirements for previous experience with administering educational programs
- Number of teachers supervised

• Ongoing professional development requirements

#### **Data Management (5,000 characters)**

Provide information about the use of data for management and instruction and how data is protected:

- How data integrity is managed
- Data security policy and implementation plan, as well as verification that data management and reporting practices are in compliance with federal and state privacy laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Virginia's Government Data Dissemination and Practices Act, known as the Privacy Act

Include information on the following:

- Protection from security threats such as viruses and hackers
- Reporting and data transmission policies and measures to ensure compliance with state and federal privacy laws

#### Provider Accountability (5,000 characters)

Provide information documenting student assessment and program accountability (for the initial application only, this may include examples from comparable states if currently not a provider in Virginia)—including the ability to provide electronic data to the Virginia Department of Education, school divisions, and other stakeholders—and how the following are tracked:

- Student participation rates in the Virginia Standards of Learning tests, early literacy assessments, or other types of standardized tests, including the names and types of assessments, grade levels, and participation rates
- Student, school, and program performance results, including nationally recognized standardized
  test results; Standards of Learning assessments; results from end-of-course exams; college
  entrance and readiness exams, including the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement tests, where
  applicable; rates of promotion to the next grade; high school graduation rates; postsecondary
  enrollment rates and the need for remediation/developmental coursework upon enrollment in
  postsecondary education programs; professional licenses and credentials earned; successful
  completion rates; student mobility rates; and dropout rates
- Summary data on noncompleters or dropouts related to the timing of and primary reasons for withdrawal

#### **Curriculum and Instruction (10,000 characters)**

Provide information documenting your curriculum's design and effectiveness. Include the following:

- Source or origin of your course content
- Strengths of teaching pedagogy followed and supported
- Basis for and frequency of revisions
- Progress monitoring used to frequently assess students' growth toward meeting specific learning objectives with a description of how students who are not meeting objectives receive additional assistance
- How course requirements and expectations are communicated to parents, students, and other stakeholders
- What type of orientation and other supporting services for students are provided
- Equity-related policies and practices for providing access to students with disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, traditionally underrepresented students, and students with financial and other constraints (see the Americans with Disabilities Act: <a href="http://www.ada.gov/">http://www.ada.gov/</a>
   and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: <a href="http://idea.ed.gov/">http://idea.ed.gov/</a>)
- Steps taken to ensure content is SCORM compliant and in accessible digital formats
- Protection from online bullies and potential predators
- Resources to promote Internet safety and positive digital citizenship

#### Technology Infrastructure, System Performance, and Technical Support (5,000 characters)

Describe the technology infrastructure that supports the delivery of online courses, including the following:

- Technical requirements for end users
- Alternative means of delivery for content if the system is down

Describe the overall system performance of the learning management system, including the following:

• Off-site back-up frequency for student data and other critical information

Describe the technical support for students, parents, and staff, including the following:

- Training provided for mentors and/or parents, if course is blended
- Types of technical assistance provided
- Hours/days technical support is available and how support can be accessed
- Staffing levels for technical support
- Average response time
- Typical procedures for students when encountering problems

#### Other Indicators of Program Success (2,500 characters)

Describe any additional support for the program, such as the following:

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- Awards, recognitions, testimonials, etc.

#### **Application Review Rubric**

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#### Administrators

All administrators hired by the multidivision online provider meet the requirements set forth in section § 22.1-212.26.B of the Code of Virginia. The Code of Virginia states: "The administrator of a virtual school program must hold an advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with educational and work experience in administering education programs."

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Multidivision online providers are able to provide data to each division in which students are enrolled for the purposes of monitoring student participation and progress to ensure that students meet division attendance requirements and make progress toward successful completion of the course. Data and data management meet state and federal reporting requirements.

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#### **CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION**

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research and best practices for online courses.

Differentiation Differentiation in content, delivery of content, and assessments

meets the needs of a variety of learners.

TECHNOLOGY

Research-based

Support

Technical support is consistently available on a timely basis for

students, parents, and school divisions.

Reliability The system used to support course delivery and management is

effective and reliable.

#### **Provider Monitoring Report**

The Provider Monitoring Report addresses the following sections of the Code of Virginia.

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This monitoring form is to be completed by approved multidivision online providers by June 30 of each academic year. Its purpose is to identify any significant programmatic changes that have occurred in relation to the original application since the initial application approval. This document, in conjunction with data collection regarding demographics, student success, and stakeholder satisfaction, will be used to determine continued alignment with Virginia's standards.

Questions may be directed to Cheri Kelleher, Coordinator of Virtual Programs, at the Virginia Department of Education, by phone at 804-786-9281 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:cheri.kelleher@doe.virginia.gov">cheri.kelleher@doe.virginia.gov</a>.

Review Panel Findings
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(Please check only one of the following)
This document indicates
<ul> <li>no significant changes in the past year</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>significant changes that <u>do not</u> impact standards alignment</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>significant changes that impact standards alignment</li> </ul>

Each of the sections below reflects information provided in the initial application to the Virginia Department of Education. Beneath the heading of each section, select "no significant changes" or "significant changes that do not impact standards alignment" or "significant changes that impact standards alignment." For any significant changes, please attach a brief narrative explaining the significant changes. (Detailed descriptors for each section from the original application form are provided for reference purposes.) [THIS FORM IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS, SINCE IT WILL BE BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PROVIDERS.]

# Data Reporting (for multidivision online provider to file with Provider Monitoring Report)

This reporting template assists the Virginia Department of Education with reviewing approved multidivision online providers. Please complete the chart below with the most complete and up-to-date information available.

School Level and Type	Number of Students	Number of Instructors and
o Elementary	Full time:	Staff
o Middle	Part time:	Full-time teachers: Part-time teachers:
o High		Administrators:
	_	Counselors:
Demographic		Other support staff:
Information		
Males:		
Females:		

#### **Ethnic and Racial Makeup of Student Body**

Please provide numbers/percentage of all students who are:

Hispanic or Latino students (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South American, Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race):

Since students may choose one or more of the following, total percentages may equal more than 100%:

American Indian or Alaska Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America [including Central America], and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment):

Asian (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam):

Black or African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa):

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands):

White (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa):

#### Parental Satisfaction and Outcomes of Course and Provider Approval Reviews

Please submit a summative report on stakeholder satisfaction with your program. Stakeholders are considered to include, but not be limited to, parents, students, school officials (e.g., counselors, principals, division leaders), and faculty members. Include methods (quantitative or qualitative) used to collect data including, but not limited to, survey tools, survey questions, focus groups, etc. When available, cross-comparison data analysis would prove helpful. If available, please include a copy of the surveys.

The following information collected within the Department of Education through the Educational Information Management System (EIMS) will be used during the annual monitoring process.

#### **Course Completion Data**

Per the definitions provided by the Virginia Department of Education, the course may be counted as having been completed by a student when the academic content work—based on the contracting school division's approved academic content and testing requirements—has been completed.

Completion Data for Each Course Provided in Virginia by a Specific Multidivision Online Provider

[Note: For end-of-course, need to differentiate passing class if standard credit or verified credit.]

Name of Course	Number of	Number of	Completer
	Enrollments	Completers	Percentage

<sup>\*</sup> This chart can be expanded depending on the number of courses offered by a provider.

#### **Course Pass Rates**

Per the definitions provided by the Virginia Department of Education, course pass rates comprise the percentage of students completing and passing an online course, calculated by dividing the number of students who passed by the number of students in the enrollment count.

Name of Course	Number of Students Completing and Passing Course	Number of Students Enrolled in Course	Pass Rate of Course