



**Update on the Department of Education's  
Work Plan for the Establishment of Virtual  
School Programs**

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## Criteria for Approval of Multidivisional Online Providers

Approved by State Board of Education on  
November 18, 2010

- Organizational Requirements
  - Staffing
  - Data
  - Accountability
- Curriculum and Instruction
  - Technology



## The Application Process

- The initial application window was open from February 1 to March 3, 2011
- Applications consist of Parts I (Affidavit), II (Program Profile), III (Program Meeting Criteria), IV (Program Description), and Standards of Learning Course Correlations forms



## 14 Applications Received

- Apex Learning
- Brigham Young University
- Chesterfield County Public Schools
  - CompuHigh
- Connections Academy
  - EdOptions Online
  - Edison Learning
  - Education 2020
- Florida Virtual Schools
  - Giant Campus
- Jefferson County High School
  - K-12 Virtual Schools
- Virtual High School Global Consortium
  - York County Public Schools



## Application Review Process

- Primary review teams: expertise in curriculum, instruction, online learning, counseling support, assessment and accountability, finance, staff quality, data collection, and technology
- Secondary review: conducted by organizations with expertise in standards correlations
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction made final decision regarding approval of providers and course offerings



## Approval Contingencies

Approved providers must return documentation to ensure that:

- Each teacher and administrator is licensed and highly qualified in accordance with *Code of Virginia* Section 22.1-212.26
  - Documentation is provided that curriculum/program meets standards of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)



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Approved providers must return documentation to ensure that:

- The content of each course is rigorous and meets Virginia's Standards of Learning and Standards of Accreditation requirements



## Approval

- Applicants notified of their approval status on May 5, 2011
- Conditions and list of approved courses included
- Providers received detailed course content correlation forms
  - Formal appeals process conducted
- Informational webinar conducted on May 10, 2011
  - Revised applications may be submitted (primarily SOL correlations) for further review



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- Jefferson County High School (not approved)



## Program Implementation

- Approved providers may enter into multidivision online provider contracts with school divisions
- Superintendent of Public Instruction will provide model policies and procedures to divisions
  - Instruction may not begin until all approval conditions are met
  - List of approved providers and approved courses were made available on the VDOE Web site on June 6, 2011



## Implementation/Project Review

- Divisions' posting of offerings/requirements by July 1, 2011
  - Implement monitoring process
- Prepare annual report for Governor and General Assembly



## **Implementation/Project Review**

- Conduct review of application and review process
  - Revise implementation process as needed
  - Open window for additional applications  
(January 2012)
  - Repeat review/approval process



## Review Programmatic Data/Trends

- Program enrollment
- Division implementation/satisfaction
- Academic achievement
  - Fiscal data



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