



SFC Education Subcommittee

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Overview

- A quick History Lesson
- What is the VA STAR Story?
- Why Is VA STAR Valuable?
- How does the program work?
- The Future

A Little History ...



Top Networking students at Micron!



Harlem Village Academy Welcomes President Bush Forest Park - Computer Donations



Why Is VA STAR Valuable?

- Five primary goals
 - Student achievement
 - *To include a course with certification or licensing in a recognized industry, trade, or profession*
 - School climate
 - Family and community engagement
 - Highly qualified, performing, motivated, and diverse work force
 - Organizational alignment

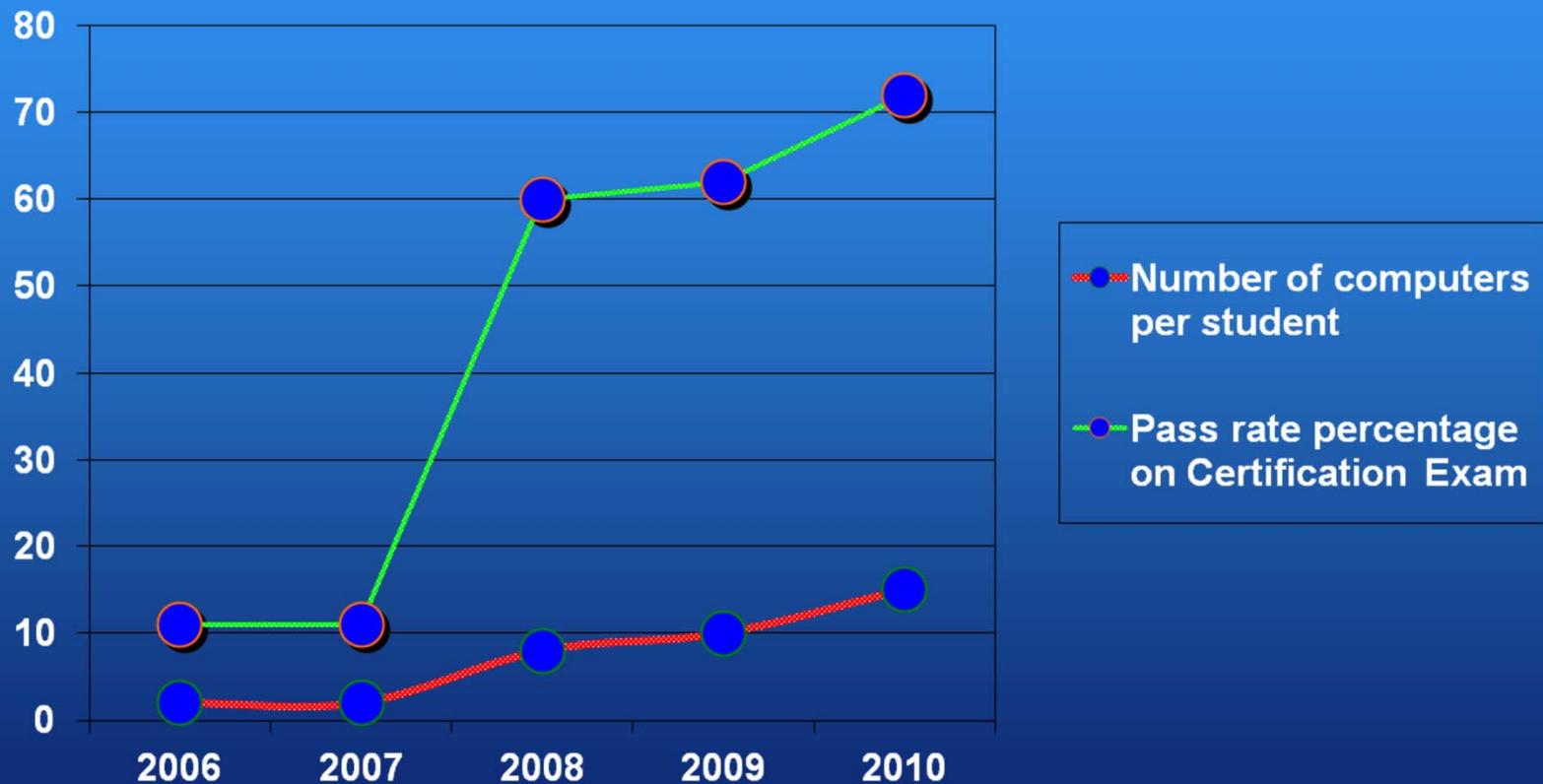


Why Is VA STAR Valuable?

- Saves budget dollars
- Provides hands-on learning
- Gives back to the community
- Enhances workforce development
- Assists with IT industry certifications like CISCO

Why Is VA STAR Valuable?

Hands-On Experience Increases Student Success





PIF Grant 2010 - 2012

\$245,000 Awarded
2 years

1st Year Savings

\$255,000 Overall

\$90,000 Commonwealth Schools

VA STAR Grant School Divisions

Amelia County Public

Fairfax County Public Schools -

King William Public Schools

Manassas Park City Schools

Nottoway Public Schools

Prince William County Public Schools

Shenandoah Public Schools

Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Where Do the Computers Come From?

- Computers for Learning



- SPARK Education Foundation



- Local Business Partners



School systems apply to become a VA STAR Grant site



Amelia and Nottoway School Systems Join VA STAR



Shenandoah Public Schools



How the Program Works

Hands-On Learning + Dedicated Staff
=
Real World Experience for Students



How Does the VA STAR Program Work?



King William County Bridging the Gap (BTG)



How it Works!



King William Pick Up



Manassas Park Elementary



Federal Office of Program Management (OPM)

Degree's GAP?

Part of a solution:

Increase Certification programs with real work situations such STAR

Microsoft IT Academy



www.vastar.schoolfusion.us

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Virginia Star website. The address bar shows the URL <http://vastar.schoolfusion.us/>. The website features a blue header with the "VIRGINIA STAR" logo and the tagline "Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment Program". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Administration, Board of Directors, and Webmaster. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains links for "About VA STAR", "Participating Schools", "Become a VASTAR School", "Frequently Asked Questions", "Register Here to Get Involved", and "Supporting Documents". It also includes a "Partners" calendar for September 2011 and a "User Login" form with fields for Username and Password.
- Program Announcements:** Features three items:
 - VA STAR Presents at the Governor's Education Conference:** Includes a photo of a presentation and text stating that Prince William County Public Schools School Board member Don Richardson presented the STAR program in Richmond, VA.
 - Triplet Tech BTG:** Includes a photo of two women and text stating that John Davis and his crew did an excellent job for their first Bridging the Gap. A link is provided to view the slideshow of the event.
 - SWAT Video:** Includes a circular logo with the text "SWAT" and "Workshops • Resources • Support" and text stating that IT student Vaughn Johnson created a fun 1 minute SWAT video highlighting some of the tasks our students do for computer donations. A link is provided to see the SWAT team get to work here!
- Upcoming Events:** Lists three events:
 - 10/6/2011:** Virginia Beach City Public Schools BTG, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
 - 11/16/2011:** Minnieville Elementary School BTG, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.
 - 12/13/2011:** Triangle Elementary School BTG, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.A "View Calendar" link is also present.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the date 9/26/2011 and time 11:32 AM.



What we need to complete the acquisition Model is?

A partnership with the Commonwealth to secure some end of service computers!!

The Future

- Complete the PIF Grant Requirements of 15 VA STAR Sites across the Commonwealth
- Apply for Future Funding so the program can expand
- Continue to refine the scalable model
- Go national with U.S.A STAR within 2 years