

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The school division shall provide a program of career and technical programs incorporated into the kindergarten through twelfth grade curricula that include knowledge of careers and all types of employment opportunities including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship and, small business ownership, the military, ~~and~~ the teaching profession and other professions. The curricula will emphasize the advantages of completing school with marketable skills. The division shall also provide career exploration opportunities in the middle school grades. Occupational career and technical programs shall be aligned with industry and professional standard certifications, if applicable. The Superintendent and staff shall plan and shall make recommendations for career and technical education in compliance with the State *Standards of Quality* and State Board of Education and Albemarle County regulations.

The School Board shall develop and implement a plan to ensure that competency-based career and technical education programs are implemented. These programs shall integrate academic outcomes, career guidance and job-seeking skills for all secondary students based on labor market needs and student interest. Career guidance shall include counseling about available employment opportunities to all students and placement services for students exiting school. This plan shall be developed with the input of area business and industry representatives and local community colleges and shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with the timelines established by federal law.

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