

Executive Summary

- In general, course descriptions have been revised or updated from last year's program guide. A committee of principals, assistant principals for scheduling, and guidance directors met to consider all requests for additions, changes, and deletions of courses. Decisions were made with respect to sequences of courses, avoiding creating new courses that are redundant with courses currently offered, consideration of the course's alignment with Life-Long Learner Standards, Board Strategic Goals, and preparation for college and career. A couple of course offered as new courses are changes in curriculum for existing courses.
- The current High School Program of Studies can be found at this link.
<http://www.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=56073>
- The current guide is with the designer. We have a markup copy to submit for changes. The ongoing plan is to reduce page numbers and to make the document engaging. Currently, we have a searchable / printable web-based document. That is the plan for 2012-13 as well.
- Revisions to the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia were adopted by the Board of Education on February 19, 2009, and became effective July 31, 2009. As a result of legislative action taken during the 2010 General Assembly, a number of provisions in these regulations went into effect during the 2011-2012 school year.
<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/accreditation/index.shtml>
- Courses that will be added to the Program of Studies with the Board's approval are listed on a separate spreadsheet.
- Courses removed:
 - Service Leadership (*lack of enrollment*)
 - Jumpstart English 9 (*course was created to phase in collapse of Eng levels at AHS*)
 - Photographic Explorations (*absorbed by other photography classes*)
 - Nutrition / Exercise / Wellness / Fitness (*lack of enrollment*)
 - Math 164: Precalculus II (*redundant*)
 - Nuclear Issues (*lack of enrollment*)
 - CHM 101: General Chemistry (*redundant*)
 - Russian I, II, III (*lack of certified teacher*)