

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.
- The current High School Program of Studies can be found at this link:
<http://www2.k12albemarle.org/Documents/High-School-Program-Guide.pdf>
- 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 and printable web-based document. That is the plan for 2013-14 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 2012 General Assembly, a number of provisions in these regulations went into effect during the 2013-2014 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 due to consistent lack of enrollment:
 - Information Technology Fundamentals
 - Life Management
 - Ballet
 - Screen and Stage Writing
 - Intro to Scientific Research
 - Meteorology
 - Physical Oceanography
 - Chemical Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis
 - Spanish Conversation and Writing for the Business World
 - Adv. Spanish Conversation: Comp and Culture through Film Study
 - German Inventors, Movers, and Shakers
 - Germany from 800 AD to the Present
 - Germany from the beginning of the 20th Century to Today
 - Latin through the Ages: From Antiquity to Today