



Virginia Council for Private Education

§ 22.1-19: Unique Accountability System for Private School Quality in Virginia

HISTORY



FOUNDING

In 1974 VCPE was founded as a state affiliate of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).



TRIAL

In 1985 the Virginia Board of Education transferred private school accreditation oversight to VCPE on a two-year trial.



APPROVAL

In 1987 the Virginia Board of Education granted full private school accreditation oversight approval to VCPE.

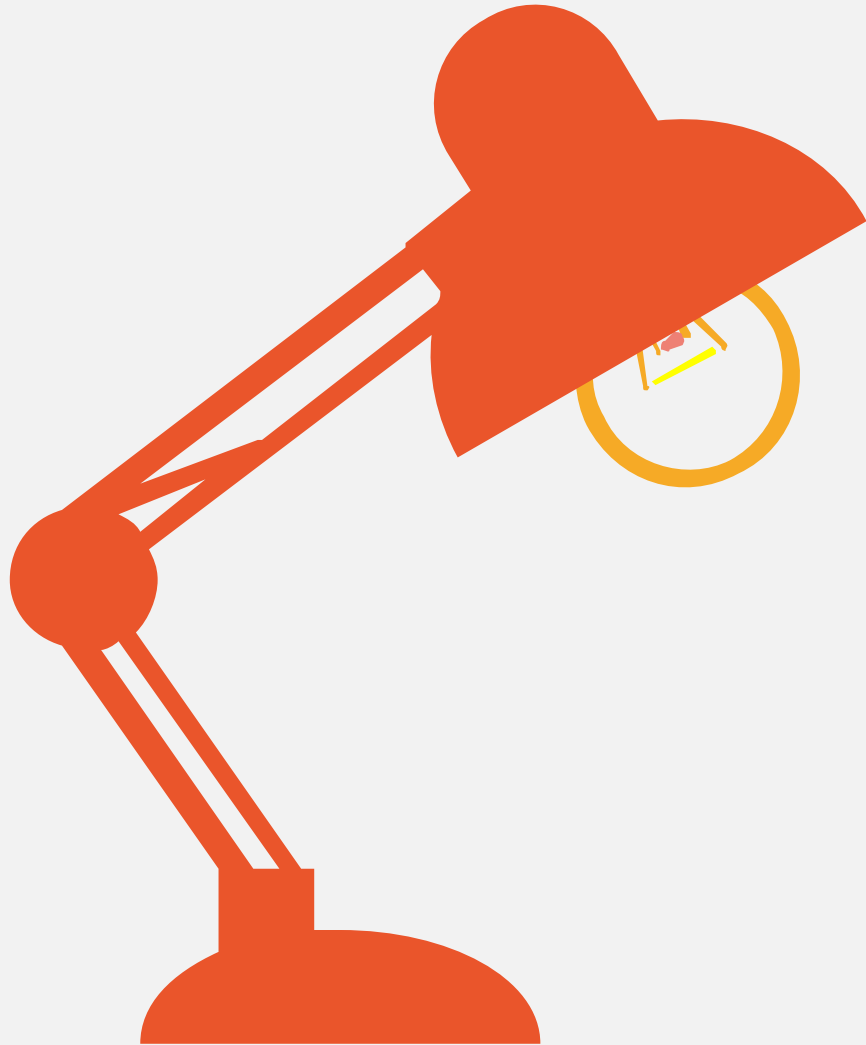


CODIFIED

In 2000 General Assembly passed § 22.1-19 granting accreditation oversight of private nursery, preschool, elementary and secondary schools to VCPE as authorized by the VBOE.

VCPE's Mission

The Virginia Council for
Private Education
advances excellence in
private education
through advocacy and
accreditation.



GOVERNANCE

- Non-profit
- Governed by a Board of Directors representing:
 - 15 approved accrediting associations
 - 4 other school-centered associations representing interest areas of state recognized accredited private schools
 - 3 directors-at-large

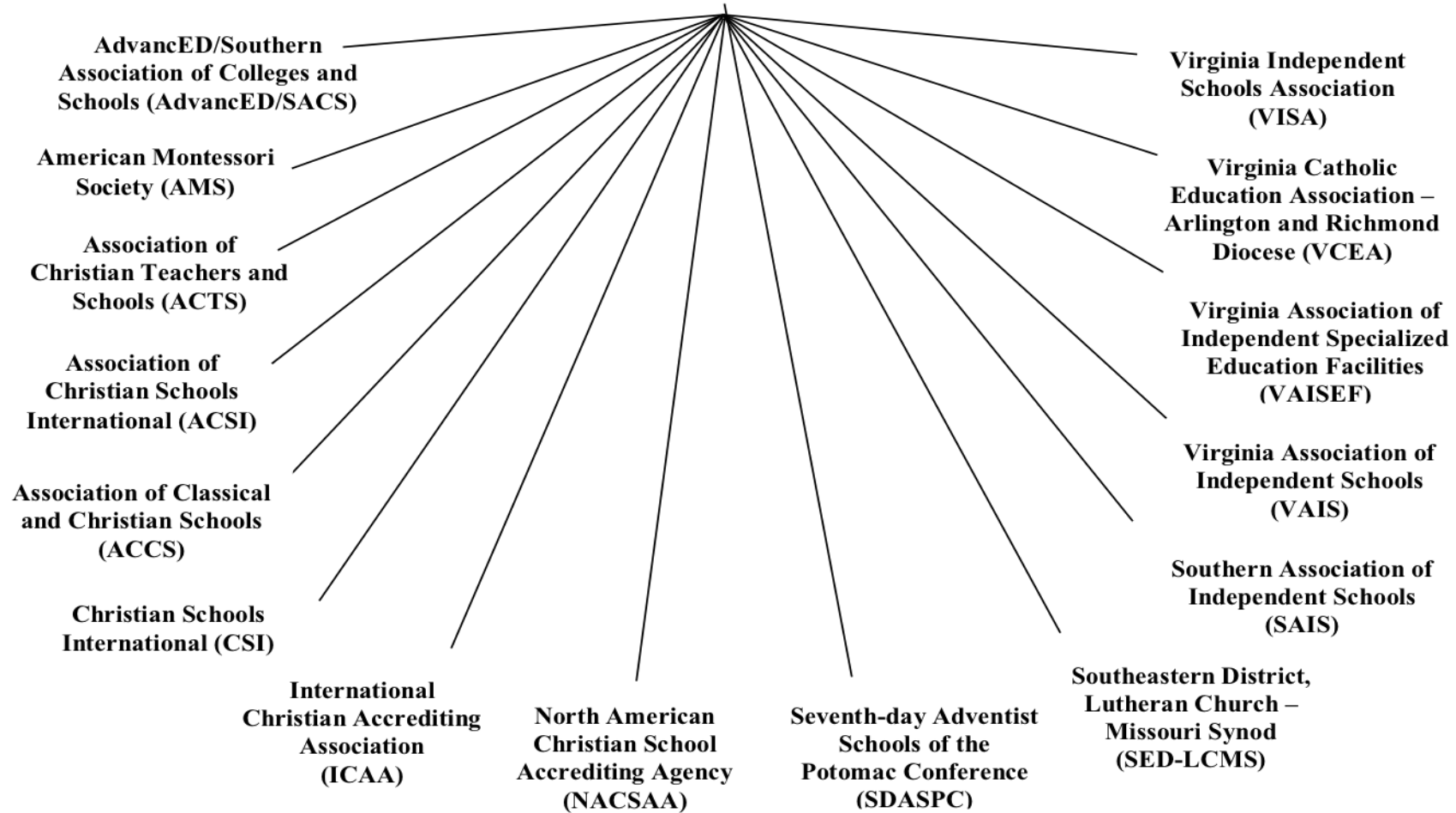
SCHOOLS

- 472 state recognized accredited private schools
- 35 candidates for accreditation
- 335 or 71% of accredited and candidate schools have PS and/or PK

OTHER

- 58 schools with no accreditation and no oversight subscribe to VCPE for informational purposes

VCPE Accrediting Associations



Other VCPE Member Associations

- Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS)
- Church Schools of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia (CSEDV)
- International League of Christian Schools (ILCS)
- Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA)

Equity For All Students

Virginia private schools are experiencing significant increases in enrollment of students needing various supports including:

- English as a Second Language
(student or family)
- Special education

VCPE Private Schools & Equity for All Students

Providing support to VCPE accredited schools on access to Title funding.

Equitable Services Workgroup:
VDOE-Public School-Private School Engagement

Based on the increasing needs of our students, Title I (A) and Title III (A) will likely be most accessed to benefit students in greatest need.

VCPE Fall Forum - collaborative effort between VCPE and VDOE to educate school administrators on Title funding and how to access.





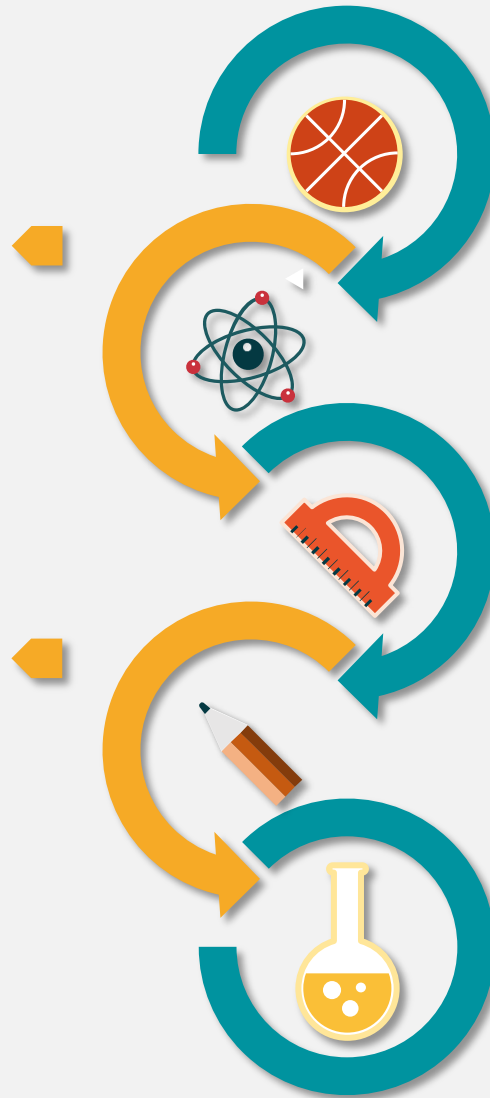
Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Private schools are experiencing the same trends as our public counterparts when it comes to recruitment and retention in of instructional personnel.

VCPE Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Accreditation Standards require schools to have: Policies, processes, procedures and other documentation related to the hiring, placement and retention of professional and support staff.

- Private schools recruit teachers through their accrediting associations and now VCPE.
- There are third party vendors involved in recruitment of teachers and administrators as well (ex. Southern Teachers and Carney Sandoe).



Factors impacting recruitment and retention of instructional personnel are often the same as our public counterparts:

- Location
- Budget
- Competition

Accrediting associations support their schools, instructional personnel, and administration through professional development. Some accrediting associations require their own “licensure”, while others require state licensure of instructional personnel.

VDOE Recognition of time served for private school teachers seeking licensure (ABTEL)

Sharing resources on state policy & other initiatives

- Transfer of credit
 - Teacher licensure
- MOPS & Private Virtual Schools
 - Federal Programs
- *Virginia Law & Private Schools Guide* (published annually)
 - Legal requirements
 - Shared resources



Collaborative communication

Database of accredited private schools shared with VDOE, other government agencies, and public school divisions

Sharing opportunities for teachers & students

THANK YOU



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