



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

**DATE:** March 16, 2018  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Delivering Career Investigations Guidance Document for School Personnel**

The revisions to the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools or Standards of Accreditation (SOA), section 8VAC20-131-90, titled Instructional program in middle schools, states:

*“Each middle school shall provide a course in career investigation in accordance with the provisions of 8VAC20-131-140. School divisions may seek alternate means of delivering the career investigation course content provided it is equivalent in content and rigor and provides the foundation for students to develop their academic and career plans.”*

The Virginia Department of Education held a one-day stakeholder seminar to review the proposed regulations for implementing the Career Investigations curriculum in Commonwealth middle schools and to explore creative, innovative, and flexible options for content delivery.

The *Delivering Career Investigations Guidance Document for School Personnel* provides pertinent information to assist schools with options for delivering the Career Investigations curriculum.

If you have questions, please contact Joseph Wharff, School Counseling Specialist, by email at [Joseph.Wharff@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Joseph.Wharff@doe.virginia.gov), or by telephone at (804) 225-3370.

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**Attachments:**

- A. [Delivering Career Investigations Guidance Document for School Personnel](#) (Word)