



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** April 21, 2023  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Virginia Department of Education-Sponsored Content Teaching Academies at James Madison University**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will sponsor content teaching academies **June 26-29, 2023**, at James Madison University (JMU). The academies are designed to enhance the outcomes of students with disabilities and promote inclusive practices. Detailed information about each academy is included in Attachment A. Registration for the academies may be accessed online at [JMU Content Teaching Academy 2023](#).

Each academy can accommodate a limited number of participants, and the target audience is specific to each academy's focus. Priority will be given to school divisions and regions that have demonstrated limited participation in previous content teaching academies and to educators from schools in divisions that are working with the Office of Program Improvement and/or the Office of School Quality.

For all public school participants, the VDOE will assume the cost of registration, meals, and double occupancy lodging on JMU's campus. School divisions are encouraged to cover travel expenses for participants as this cost is not assumed by VDOE.

For general questions about these VDOE-sponsored content teaching academies, please email [spedinstruction@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:spedinstruction@doe.virginia.gov), or contact the specialist associated with the specific academy listed in Attachment A.

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**Attachment:**

- A. [Virginia Department of Education-Sponsored Content Teaching Academies at James Madison University](#) (Word)