



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Funding Available for Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI)

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will offer an AP Summer Institute (APSI) co-sponsored by the College Board for three AP courses in priority order:

1. AP Computer Science Principles
2. AP Computer Science A
3. AP Statistics

The funding for this opportunity will provide a week-long professional development training for new AP teachers, defined as those with 0–3 years of experience teaching AP courses in a particular subject. Divisions are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity that will provide new AP teachers with an overview of the curriculum structure, teaching strategies, and the relationship of the course to the AP Examination.

The VDOE/College Board will pay the full registration fee and travel expenses up to a combined total of \$1,000 to attend one of the trainings at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg or Woodson High School in Fairfax County. The teacher or the division/school will be responsible for any travel, lodging, or other expenses beyond the amount provided.

Since available funds are not sufficient to cover all AP teachers, funds will be distributed via an application process. The [2016 VDOE AP Summer Institute Scholarship applications](#) must be submitted online through College Board. Applications will be accepted from Friday, May 13, 2016, to Friday, May 20, 2016. Participants will be selected based on the priority criteria of expertise, experience, and balanced regional representation and notified by Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

For questions about this program, please contact Janet Swandol, senior director, K-12 College Board, by e-mail at jfswandol@collegeboard.org; or Dr. Christine Harris, director, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at Christine.Harris@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 786-3925.

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