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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2016 Legislation Impacting Home-School Students and Dual Enrollment

This memorandum provides information regarding guidance made to the cost for dual enrollment courses for home-school students during the 2016 General Assembly Session. Budget Amendments HB30 (Conference Report) [Item 139 #12c](#) ensures that home-school students and high school students pay the same cost for dual enrollment courses held at the community college. It states:

"The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, will ensure that the same policies regarding the cost for dual enrollment courses held at a community college, are consistently applied to public school students and home-schooled students alike. These policies will clearly address the school division contributions and any student charges for dual enrollment courses, and will ensure that public school students and home-school students are treated in the same manner."

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Community College System ([VCCS](#)) want to make sure that all divisions are aware of this requirement for home-school students who enroll in the public school to take a Dual Enrollment course. Divisions are encouraged to review this information with their local [Community College](#) as they provide opportunities for students.

Please see the [Final Legislative Report for the 2016 General Assembly](#) for information regarding legislation that is of interest to school superintendents and division personnel. Any information about the 2016 General Assembly actions that may or must be taken by local school boards is included in the [summary](#) of each bill. All legislation becomes effective July 1 unless otherwise indicated.

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