

# SB60

## Guidelines for Teams Relating to Age-Appropriate IEP Instruction



Bill Patron: Senator Barbara Favola

### WHAT THE BILL DOES:

Requires the Virginia Department of Education to make available to each school board and post on its website by the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year the guidelines established for individualized education program (IEP) teams to use in developing IEPs for children with disabilities relating to the need for age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction.

### HOW DOES THIS IMPACT SCHOOL DIVISIONS?

School divisions should ensure that IEP teams consider the guidelines established by VDOE when developing IEPs for children with disabilities.

### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- *Self, Health, and Relationship Education (SHaRE): [Guidelines for the Consideration of Age-Appropriate and Developmentally Appropriate Instruction](#)*
- *[Self, Health, and Relationship Education \(SHaRE\) Consideration Guide](#)*

### WHAT ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE RELEASED?

- Based on additional feedback received from the field, VDOE will update the resources listed above or provide a *Frequently Asked Questions* document by December 1, 2024.

### SCHOOL DIVISION NEXT STEPS:

1. School divisions should review all school procedures for defining IEP teams in comparison with the updates that were published in the [Virginia Education Update #2024-20 dated May 16, 2024](#).
2. After reviewing existing procedures, special education leaders should update procedures as needed and provide school-based training memos and resources.
3. Prior to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, local division departments of special education should conduct meetings with school-based staff (special education case managers and local division representatives to IEP teams) to ensure their understanding of the guidelines and any additional training and support the division offers in this area.

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