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Governor McDonnell & Board of Education Honor High-Performing Virginia Schools & School Divisions

2012 Virginia Index of Performance Awards Announced

Governor Bob McDonnell and the Board of Education announced today that 447 schools and two school divisions earned 2012 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced learning and achievement. The incentive program recognizes schools and divisions that far exceed minimum state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals established by the governor and the board.

"I congratulate the educators in these schools and divisions for their unwavering commitment to academic excellence and to the success of their students," McDonnell said. "They put students first and maintain high expectations for instruction, learning and student achievement."

The schools and school divisions earning 2012 VIP awards — which are based on student achievement and other performance indicators during 2010-2011 — include:

- 86 Virginia schools that earned the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence;
- 188 schools and two school divisions that earned the Board of Education Excellence Award;
- 171 schools earned the Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award; and
- 2 schools that earned the Board of Education Rising Star Award.

"The criteria for these awards are becoming more challenging with the Board of Education's increasing focus on college and career readiness," Board of Education President Eleanor B. Saslaw said. "That so many schools earned VIP awards speaks to the capacity of most of Virginia's public schools to accept new challenges."

"As we celebrate the successes of the 2012 VIP award winners, we must not lose sight of the schools in Virginia where students still struggle to achieve at grade level in reading and mathematics," Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said. "Just as the Standards of Learning (SOL) provided the foundation for the excellence we recognize today, maintaining the SOL program is essential to raising achievement in low-performing schools and closing the achievement gap."

2012 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence

To qualify for the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, schools and school divisions must meet all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and achieve all applicable excellence goals for elementary reading, enrollment in Algebra I by the eighth grade, enrollment in college-level courses, high school graduation, attainment of advanced diplomas, increased attainment of career and industry certifications, and participation in the Virginia Preschool Initiative. Schools and school divisions earn bonus points for other performance measures, including the Governor's Nutrition and Physical Activity Scorecard.

The 86 schools earning the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence are as follows:

- Albemarle County — Meriwether Lewis Elementary, Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle and Virginia L. Murray Elementary
- Arlington County — Arlington Science Focus School, Arlington Traditional, Jamestown Elementary and McKinley Elementary
- Botetourt County — Cloverdale Elementary and Greenfield Elementary
- Charlottesville — Burnley-Moran Elementary and Greenbrier Elementary
- Chesapeake — Hickory Elementary and Norfolk Highlands Primary
- Chesterfield County — Bettie Weaver Elementary, Grange Hall Elementary and Robious Elementary
- Danville — Forest Hills Elementary

- Dinwiddie County — Midway Elementary
- Fairfax County — Archer Elementary, Chesterbrook Elementary, Colvin Run Elementary, Cooper Middle, Floris Elementary, Fox Mill Elementary, Franklin Middle, Frost Middle, Great Falls Elementary, Greenbriar West Elementary, Haycock Elementary, Lees Corner Elementary, Longfellow Middle, Oak Hill Elementary, Oakton Elementary, Rocky Run Middle, Thoreau Middle, Virginia Run Elementary, West Springfield Elementary, Westbriar Elementary, Willow Springs Elementary and Wolftrap Elementary
- Franklin County — Burnt Chimney Elementary, Ferrum Elementary and Lee M. Waid Elementary
- Hanover County — Cool Spring Elementary
- Henrico County — Echo Lake Elementary, Gayton Elementary, Nuckols Farm Elementary, Rivers Edge Elementary, Shady Grove Elementary, Short Pump Elementary and Tuckahoe Elementary
- Loudoun County — Belmont Station Elementary, Lowes Island Elementary, Lucketts Elementary, Newton-Lee Elementary, Pinebrook Elementary, Round Hill Elementary and Waterford Elementary
- Montgomery County — Gilbert Linkous Elementary, Harding Avenue Elementary and Prices Fork Elementary
- Patrick County — Woolwine Elementary
- Prince George County — L.L. Beazley Elementary
- Roanoke County — Bonsack Elementary, Cave Spring Elementary, Clearbrook Elementary, Glen Cove Elementary, Green Valley Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary and Penn Forest Elementary
- Rockingham County — Pleasant Valley Elementary
- Salem — G.W. Carver Elementary
- Spotsylvania County — Chancellor Elementary
- Stafford County — Garrisionville Elementary
- Tazewell County — Abbs Valley-Boissevain Elementary
- Virginia Beach — Creeds Elementary, Kemps Landing Magnet, Kingston Elementary, Old Donation Center, Red Mill Elementary, Salem Elementary and Thoroughgood Elementary
- Washington County — Greendale Elementary
- Waynesboro — Berkeley Glenn Elementary
- Wise County — Coeburn Primary
- Wythe County — Speedwell Elementary

Each school earning a Governor's Award for Educational Excellence will receive a display banner and a signed resolution of commendation from Governor McDonnell. No school divisions qualified for a Governor's Award for Educational Excellence.

2012 Board of Education Excellence Awards

Two school divisions — Lexington and West Point — and 188 schools earned the Board of Education Excellence Award, the second-tier honor in the VIP program. These schools and divisions also have met all state and federal accountability benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and have made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by the board.

The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards are as follows:

- Accomack County — Chincoteague Elementary
- Albemarle County — Baker-Butler Elementary and Hollymead Elementary
- Alleghany County — Falling Spring Elementary and Sharon Elementary
- Amherst County — Elon Elementary and Temperance Elementary
- Arlington County — Ashlawn Elementary, Nottingham Elementary, Taylor Elementary and Tuckahoe Elementary
- Botetourt County — Breckinridge Elementary and Buchanan Elementary
- Charlottesville — Venable Elementary
- Chesapeake — Deep Creek Central Elementary, Edwin W. Chittum Elementary and Southeastern Elementary
- Chesterfield County — Beulah Elementary, C.C. Wells Elementary, Elizabeth Scott Elementary, Swift Creek Elementary, W.W. Gordon Elementary, Winterpock Elementary and Woolridge Elementary
- Clarke County — Boyce Elementary
- Colonial Heights — Tussing Elementary
- Fairfax County — Canterbury Woods Elementary, Clermont Elementary, Fairfax Villa Elementary, Fairhill Elementary, Hayfield Elementary, Hunt Valley Elementary, Island Creek Elementary, Kent Gardens Elementary, Kings Park Elementary, Langley High, Liberty Middle, Madison High, Mantua Elementary, McLean High, McNair Elementary, Oakton High, Robinson Secondary, Rolling Valley Elementary, Sherman Elementary, Shrevewood Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Springfield Estates Elementary, Stratford Landing Elementary, Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology, Union Mill Elementary, Vienna Elementary, Wakefield Forest Elementary, Waples Mill Elementary, Waynewood Elementary and Westgate Elementary

- Falls Church — Mount Daniel School and Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Fauquier County — C. Hunter Ritchie Elementary and C.M. Bradley Elementary
- Franklin County — Boones Mill Elementary and Glade Hill Elementary
- Gloucester County — Abingdon Elementary, Achilles Elementary, Petsworth Elementary and Thomas C. Walker Elementary
- Goochland County — Goochland Elementary and Randolph Elementary
- Hampton — Armstrong Elementary and Francis Asbury Elementary
- Hanover County — Atlee High, Kersey Creek Elementary, Laurel Meadow Elementary, Mechanicsville Elementary, Pearson's Corner Elementary, Pole Green Elementary, Rural Point Elementary and Washington-Henry Elementary
- Henrico County — Arthur Ashe Jr. Elementary, Colonial Trail Elementary, Glen Allen Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Jackson Davis Elementary, Pemberton Elementary, Springfield Park Elementary, Three Chopt Elementary and Twin Hickory Elementary
- Henry County — Mount Olivet Elementary, Rich Acres Elementary and Sanville Elementary
- Isle of Wight County — Carrollton Elementary and Carrsville Elementary
- Lee County — Ewing Elementary and Stickleyville Elementary
- Lexington — Harrington Waddell Elementary
- Loudoun County — Aldie Elementary, Arcola Elementary, Creighton's Corner Elementary, Emerick Elementary, Hamilton Elementary, Hillside Elementary, Horizon Elementary, Hutchison Farm Elementary, Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary, Legacy Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Little River Elementary, Mill Run Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Sanders Corner Elementary and Sycolin Creek Elementary
- Middlesex County — St. Clare Walker Middle
- Newport News — Deer Park Elementary and Hilton Elementary
- Norfolk — Larchmont Elementary, Mary Calcott Elementary and Ocean View Elementary
- Orange County — Locust Grove Elementary
- Patrick County — Meadows of Dan Elementary
- Pittsylvania County — Union Hall Elementary
- Portsmouth — Hodges Manor Elementary
- Prince George County — North Elementary
- Prince William County — Antietam Elementary, Lake Ridge Elementary, Mary G. Porter Traditional, Mountain View Elementary, Old Bridge Elementary, Pennington School, Rockledge Elementary, Rosa Parks Elementary, Samuel L. Gravely Jr. Elementary, Springwoods Elementary, Thurgood Marshall Elementary and Westridge Elementary
- Richmond — Mary Munford Elementary and Richmond Community High
- Roanoke — Crystal Spring Elementary
- Roanoke County — Back Creek Elementary, Cave Spring High, Fort Lewis Elementary, Glenvar Middle, Mason's Cove Elementary and Mount Pleasant Elementary
- Rockingham County — John C. Myers Elementary and Peak View Elementary
- Russell County — Belfast Elk Garden Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Lebanon Elementary and Lebanon Primary
- Salem — East Salem Elementary, South Salem Elementary and West Salem Elementary
- Scott County — Duffield-Pattonsville Primary, Fort Blackmore Primary, Rye Cove Intermediate, Shoemaker Elementary, Weber City Elementary and Yuma Elementary
- Stafford County — Colonial Forge High and Rockhill Elementary
- Tazewell County — Springville Elementary
- Virginia Beach — Corporate Landing Elementary, John B. Dey Elementary, Malibu Elementary, New Castle Elementary, North Landing Elementary, Princess Anne Elementary, Trantwood Elementary and W.T. Cooke Elementary
- Washington County — Abingdon Elementary and Watauga Elementary
- Waynesboro — Westwood Hills Elementary
- West Point — West Point Elementary and West Point High
- Williamsburg-James City County — Clara Byrd Baker Elementary, James River Elementary, Matoaka Elementary, Matthew Whaley Elementary and Stonehouse Elementary
- Winchester — Frederick Douglass Elementary
- Wise County — St. Paul Elementary
- Wythe County — Rural Retreat Elementary
- York County — Coventry Elementary, Dare Elementary, Grafton Bethel Elementary, Mount Vernon Elementary and Tabb Elementary

2012 Board of Education Competence to Excellence Awards

The Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award was earned by 171 schools that met all state and federal benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and made progress toward the goals of the governor and the board.

The schools receiving the Competence to Excellence awards are as follows:

- Accomack County — Accawmacke Elementary, Chincoteague High and Tangier Combined
- Albemarle County — Agnor-Hurt Elementary, Crozet Elementary, Stone Robinson Elementary and Western Albemarle High
- Alexandria — Charles Barrett Elementary
- Alleghany County — Callaghan Elementary
- Arlington County — Glebe Elementary and Yorktown High
- Augusta County — Fort Defiance High
- Bedford County — Forest Elementary, New London Academy Elementary and Otter River Elementary
- Bland County — Rocky Gap High
- Botetourt County — Colonial Elementary and Lord Botetourt High
- Bristol — Stonewall Jackson Elementary
- Buckingham County — Buckingham Primary
- Buena Vista — F.W. Kling Jr. Elementary
- Campbell County — Brookville High
- Charlotte County — Eureka Elementary
- Charlottesville — Johnson Elementary
- Chesapeake — G.A. Treakle Elementary
- Chesterfield County — Bellwood Elementary, Bensley Elementary, Bon Air Elementary, Enon Elementary, Harrowgate Elementary, Providence Elementary and Reams Road Elementary
- Colonial Beach — Colonial Beach Elementary
- Colonial Heights — Lakeview Elementary
- Craig County — McCleary Elementary
- Culpeper County — Farmington Elementary
- Danville — Glenwood Elementary and Woodrow Wilson Elementary
- Dickenson County — Longs Fork Elementary
- Dinwiddie County — Southside Elementary
- Fairfax County — Aldrin Elementary, Camelot Elementary, Chantilly High, Cherry Run Elementary, Fairfax High, Greenbriar East Elementary, Key Middle, Marshall High, Newington Forest Elementary, Stenwood Elementary, Sunrise Valley Elementary, Timber Lane Elementary and West Springfield High
- Fauquier County — Greenville Elementary, P.B. Smith Elementary and W.G. Coleman Elementary
- Floyd County — Willis Elementary
- Franklin County — Callaway Elementary, Henry Elementary, Snow Creek Elementary and Sontag Elementary
- Frederick County — Robert E. Aylor Middle
- Gloucester County — Bethel Elementary
- Grayson County — Baywood Elementary
- Halifax County — Clays Mill Elementary and Meadville Elementary
- Hanover County — Battlefield Park Elementary, Beaverdam Elementary and Hanover High
- Henrico County — Chamberlayne Elementary, Douglas S. Freeman High, Mills E. Godwin High and Ridge Elementary
- Henry County — Drewry Mason Elementary and Stanleytown Elementary
- Highland County — Highland Elementary
- Isle of Wight County — Windsor Elementary
- Lee County — Flatwoods Elementary and St. Charles Elementary
- Lexington — Lylburn Downing Middle
- Loudoun County — Banneker Elementary, Briar Woods High, Broad Run High, HIllsboro Elementary, Loudoun Valley High, Lovettsville Elementary and Stone Bridge High
- Lunenburg County — Kenbridge Elementary
- Manassas — George Carr Round Elementary
- Mecklenburg County — LaCrosse Elementary
- Montgomery County — Auburn Elementary and Belview Elementary
- Norfolk — Ghent Elementary, Sewells Point Elementary and Willoughby Elementary
- Norton — Norton Elementary
- Orange County — Gordon Barbour Elementary, Lightfoot Elementary, Orange Elementary and Unionville Elementary
- Patrick County — Blue Ridge Elementary, Hardin Reynolds Elementary and Patrick Springs Elementary
- Pittsylvania County — Chatham Elementary, John L. Hurt Elementary and Mount Airy Elementary
- Poquoson — Poquoson High
- Portsmouth — Simonsdale Elementary

- Powhatan County — Flat Rock Elementary and Powhatan Elementary
- Prince William County — Dumfries Elementary, Kerrydale Elementary, Leesylvania Elementary, Nokesville Elementary, Signal Hill Elementary
- Pulaski County — Snowville Elementary
- Richmond — Albert Hill Middle, Bellevue Elementary, Broad Rock Elementary, John B. Cary Elementary, Open High and Swansboro Elementary
- Roanoke — Fishburn Park Elementary and Grandin Court Elementary
- Roanoke County — Glenvar Elementary, Glenvar High, Herman L. Horn Elementary, Hidden Valley High, Mountain View Elementary and W.E. Cundiff Elementary
- Rockbridge County — Fairfield Elementary and Mountain View Elementary
- Rockingham County — Elkton Elementary, Lacey Spring Elementary, Linville-Edom Elementary, McGaheysville Elementary, Ottobine Elementary, Plains Elementary and River Bend Elementary
- Russell County — Honaker Elementary
- Salem — Andrew Lewis Middle and Salem High
- Scott County — Gate City High
- Spotsylvania County — Berkley Elementary, Parkside Elementary and Riverbend High
- Stafford County — Ferry Farm Elementary, Grafton Village Elementary, Stafford Elementary and Winding Creek Elementary
- Suffolk — Northern Shores Elementary
- Sussex County — Jefferson Elementary
- Tazewell County — Cedar Bluff Elementary, Dudley Primary and Graham Intermediate
- Virginia Beach — Christopher Farms Elementary, Hermitage Elementary, Indian Lakes Elementary, Princess Anne High and Rosemont Elementary
- Warren County — A.S. Rhodes Elementary
- Washington County — Valley Institute Elementary
- Williamsburg-James City County — Jamestown High and Rawls Byrd Elementary
- Winchester — John Kerr Elementary
- Wise County — Appalachia Elementary and J.W. Adams Combined
- Wythe County — Max Meadows Elementary
- York County — Bethel Manor Elementary, Grafton High and Tabb High

No school divisions qualified for a 2012 Competence to Excellence Award.

2012 Board of Education Rising Star Awards

Two schools — Belvedere Elementary in Fairfax County and Keokee Elementary in Lee County — earned Board of Education Rising Star Awards. The Rising Star Award recognizes school divisions and schools that have met all state and federal accountability standards for two consecutive years and have improved their VIP scores significantly from the previous year. No school divisions qualified for a 2012 Rising Star Award.

More information about the VIP incentive program for schools and school divisions is available on the VDOE website: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/va_index_performance_awards/index.shtml

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