

**CHAPTER 15.1-18.2**  
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

**15.1-18.2-01. (Repealed effective July 1, 2013) Professional development plan - Adoption - Review by school district.**

1. Each school district shall adopt a professional development plan. The plan must include a description of the professional development activities that the district offers or makes available, the district's requirements for participation by teachers, and the manner in which participation is documented.
2. Each school district shall review and if necessary modify its plan at least once every five years.
3. Each school district shall file a copy of its most recent professional development plan with the superintendent of public instruction.

**15.1-18.2-02. (Repealed effective July 1, 2013) Professional development plan - Review by superintendent of public instruction.**

The superintendent of public instruction shall review each school district's professional development plan to ensure that the plan meets the requirements of section 15.1-18.2-01, is designed to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the district, and is implemented in an efficient and effective manner.

**15.1-18.2-03. (Repealed effective July 1, 2013) Professional development advisory committee - Duties - Staff support.**

1. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a professional development advisory committee to:
  - a. Examine the delivery of professional development in this state;
  - b. Review professional development needs from the perspective of teachers, school administrators, school board members, and parents;
  - c. Review the professional development plans filed by school districts and propose changes to improve the opportunities for professional development; and
  - d. Advise the superintendent regarding regulatory and statutory measures that could be pursued to improve the quality and availability of professional development opportunities.
2. The superintendent shall provide staff support to the professional development advisory committee.

**15.1-18.2-03.1 (Effective through June 30, 2013) (Repealed effective July 1, 2013) Professional development advisory committee - Reimbursement of members.**

Each member of the professional development advisory committee is entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending committee meetings, except that no member may receive reimbursement under this section for more than three committee meetings during each year of the biennium.

**15.1-18.2-04. Student athletics - Concussion management program - Requirements.**

1. Each school district and nonpublic school that sponsors or sanctions any athletic activity in this state and requires a participating student to regularly practice or train, and compete, is subject to the terms of a concussion management program.
2. The concussion management program must set forth in clear and readily comprehensible language the signs and symptoms of a concussion.
3. The concussion management program must require that an official remove a student from competition and that a student's coach or a student's athletic trainer remove the student from practice, training, or competition if:
  - a. The student reports any sign or symptom of a concussion, as set forth in accordance with this section;

- b. The official, coach, or athletic trainer determines that the student exhibits any sign or symptom of a concussion, as set forth in accordance with this section; or
  - c. The official, coach, or athletic trainer is notified that the student has reported or exhibited any sign or symptom of a concussion by a licensed, registered, or certified health care provider whose scope of practice includes the recognition of concussion signs and symptoms.
4. The concussion management program must require that any student who is removed in accordance with subsection 3 must be examined as soon as practicable by a licensed, registered, or certified health care provider whose scope of practice includes the diagnosis and treatment of concussion.
5. A student who is removed in accordance with subsection 3 may not be allowed to return to practice, training, or competition until the student or the student's parent obtains written authorization from a licensed, registered, or certified health care provider whose scope of practice includes the diagnosis and treatment of concussion and provides that authorization to the student's coach or athletic trainer.
6. The concussion management program must require that each official, coach, and athletic trainer receive biennial training regarding the nature and risk of concussion.
7. The student's school district or nonpublic school shall ensure that before a student is allowed to participate in the athletic activity described in subsection 1, the student and the student's parent shall document that they have viewed information regarding concussions incurred by students participating in athletic activities. The required information must be provided by the student's school district or nonpublic school and must be made available in printed form or in a verifiable electronic format.
8. This section does not create any liability for, or create a cause of action against:
  - a. A school district, its officers, or its employees; or
  - b. A nonpublic school, its officers, or its employees.
9. A school district or a nonpublic school may contract for and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or nonpublic source, in order to meet the requirements of this section.
10. For the purposes of this section, "official" means an umpire, a referee, a judge, or any other individual formally officiating at an athletic event.

**15.1-18.2-05. Teacher support program - Establishment.**

The education standards and practices board shall:

1. Establish and administer a teacher support program;
2. Employ an individual to serve as a teacher support program coordinator;
3.
  - a. Select and train experienced teachers who will serve as mentors for first-year teachers and assist the first-year teachers with instructional skills development; or
  - b. If a school district or other employing entity listed in section 15.1-18.2-07 is not in need of mentors for its first-year teachers, select and train experienced teachers who will work with school district administrators and administrators from the other employing entities to identify the needs of the non-first-year teachers and help the non-first-year teachers address their particular needs through the use of:
    - (1) Research-validated interventions; and
    - (2) Proven instructional methods.

**15.1-18.2-06. Teacher support program - Availability of services.**

The education standards and practices board may use any moneys it receives for the teacher support program to provide staff compensation, training, evaluation, and stipends for mentors and experienced teachers who assist first-year and non-first-year teachers participating in the program, and to pay for any other administrative expenses resulting from the program; provided, however, that the board may not expend more than five percent of the moneys for administrative purposes.

**15.1-18.2-07. Teacher support program - Authorized service recipients.**

The education standards and practices board may provide support services to teachers employed by:

1. School districts;
2. Special education units;
3. Area career and technology centers;
4. Regional education associations; and
5. Schools funded by the bureau of Indian education.