

QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

I. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The candidate for Superintendent shall meet the qualifications as set forth in State Board of Education Regulations Governing Licensure of School Personnel.
- B. Preference shall be given to those applicants whose experience and education demonstrate a balance between instruction and business administration.
- C. Eligibility shall be limited to individuals whose records indicate they possess the following attributes:
 - 1. Good character;
 - 2. Management talent;
 - 3. Leadership;
 - 4. Knowledge of school law;
 - 5. Understanding of special education; and
 - 6. Outstanding ability in career and technical and academic education.

The position of Superintendent is a performance-based position with remuneration directly dependent on the achievement of the performance goals and standards established by the School Board and the School Board's evaluation of the Superintendent.

II. MAJOR DUTIES

- A. Serves as Chief Executive Officer of the School Board.
 - 1. Attends School Board meetings.
 - 2. Implements policies of the School Board.
 - 3. Reports to the School Board about the status of programs, personnel, and operations of the schools.
 - 4. Recommends actions to the School Board.
 - 5. Communicates as liaison between the School Board and school personnel.
 - 6. Assists the Chair in developing and distributing notices and agendas of meetings of the School Board.
- B. Acts as the educational leader of the schools.
 - 1. Supervises the principals and senior leaders.
 - 2. Oversees planning and evaluation of curriculum and instruction.
 - 3. Develops for approval by the School Board procedures for adopting textbooks and other instructional materials.
 - 4. Visits schools on a regular basis.
 - 5. Maintains a current knowledge of developments in curriculum and instruction.

C. Enforces school laws and regulations.

1. Observes such directions and regulations as the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Virginia Board of Education may prescribe.
2. Makes reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction whenever required.
3. Distributes promptly all reports, forms, laws, and regulations which may be received from the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
4. Enforces school laws, regulations, and decisions of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and of the Virginia Board of Education.
5. Prepares and maintains administrative procedures, guidelines, and regulations to be used to implement School Board policy. If Board action is required by law or the Board has specifically asked that certain types of regulations be given prior Board approval, these regulations and guidelines shall be placed in the School Board manual. The administrative procedures, guidelines, and regulations shall be discussed with staff members and made available for their information.

D. Oversees staff personnel management.

1. Organizes recruitment of personnel.
2. Conducts an annual review and evaluation of the staff organization of the school division.
3. Reassigns personnel to schools and offices.
4. Ensures administration of personnel policies and programs.
5. Supervises evaluation of personnel.
6. Provides for maintenance of up-to-date job descriptions for all personnel.

The authority of the School Board is transmitted through the Superintendent along specific channels as shown in the Senior Leadership Team organizational chart. The Board approves the chart annually through the budget adoption process, and upon amendment by the Superintendent. Although departmental organizational charts do not require Board approval, the Superintendent will share any organizational changes with the Board for informational purposes.

E. Oversees facility management.

1. Prepares long and short-range plans for facilities and sites.
2. Insures the maintenance of school property and safety of personnel and property.
3. Inspects school property on a regular basis.
4. Approves the utilization of school property.
5. Monitors any construction, renovation, and demolition of school facilities.
6. Represents the school division before local or state agencies which control building requirements or provide financing for buildings.
7. Closes school buildings which appear to her/him to be unfit for occupancy.

F. Oversees financial management.

1. Prepares budgets for School Board approval.
2. Ensures that expenditures are within the limits approved by the School Board.
3. Reports to the School Board on the financial condition of the school division.
4. Establishes procedures for the procurement of equipment and supplies.

G. Ensures that an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of school funds is kept. Directs community relations activities.

1. Articulates educational programs and needs to the community.
2. Responds to concerns expressed in the community.
3. Maintains contact with the news media.
4. Participates in community affairs.
5. Involves the community in planning and problem solving for the schools.

H. Oversees student services.

1. Monitors student services.
2. Ensures that an accurate student record system is maintained.
3. Implements policies and programs relating to the behavior and discipline of students.
4. Maintains programs for the health and safety of students.
5. Communicates as the liaison between schools and community social services agencies.

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Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-58, 22.1-59, 22.1-68, 22.1-69, 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-136; 22.1-253.13:7.

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