

**COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**

The vision statement for the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has the goal that every student will be achieving at his or her maximum potential in an engaging, inspiring and challenging learning environment. With this vision in mind, the School Board strives to provide a total employee compensation program that enables the school division to:

- ✓ attract and retain a highly qualified and diverse workforce;
- ✓ ensure fair and consistent pay practices;
- ✓ comply with applicable laws and regulations; and
- ✓ operate within the constraints of fiscal resources while balancing and achieving educational goals.

The School Board's compensation philosophy embraces the following points:

1. The total compensation program will align with the division's overall mission in support of the division's strategic goals and objectives.
2. The division will strive to provide a total compensation program that is world class among all accredited K-12 institutions. The school division endeavors to be economically competitive with institutions in Southeastern Virginia and for certain positions, outside of our local labor market as well.
3. Benchmarking and broad-banding are used as best practices for compensation of similar positions.
4. Compensation strategies must include the flexibility needed to adapt to market changes, maintain internal equity, and address the needs of the school division.
5. Starting pay for new employees is based upon education and work experience related to position requirements, as well as, market conditions.
6. Allowances are available to eligible employees based on the attainment of educational/licensing credentials earned beyond the requirements of the position to the extent that they relate to the employee's current job responsibilities and to the extent that they enhance the employee's ability to contribute to the mission and strategic goals of the school division.
7. Supplements may be provided to eligible employees performing specific functions outside of their established job descriptions.
8. Pay adjustments, other than allowances and supplements, are provided to employees when appropriate, to address equity, market responsiveness, targeted needs, and consistency in the administration of the school division's compensation program.
9. Salary progression may occur as a result of annual salary increases, promotions, reclassifications and pay adjustments.
10. Part-time/temporary employees may or may not be eligible for the same benefits as full-time employees.
11. Benefit plans, retirement, and other non-cash compensation are reviewed annually for competitiveness, cost effectiveness and their value to employees and the school division.
12. To ensure that our compensation structure remains competitive, pay ranges for all instructional positions are evaluated annually. Pay ranges for all other job groups are reviewed as needed, but not less than every three years.
13. The compensation philosophy will be made available to employees.