

TITLE: PROPOSED CHANGE TO POLICY MANUAL SECTION 6.0.1.1 DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENT ADMISSIONS (SB) (Academic, Student Affairs, and Workforce Development Committee, Action Item III.A.2.b)

BACKGROUND:

Several VCCS colleges experienced some problems with home school admissions at the beginning of this semester. In several instances, the problem stemmed from or was directly related to the new admissions policy approved last year which details admissions requirements for home school students. One institution experienced a problem with a student who had a high school religious exemption. For these reasons, it was determined that ASAC should review policy concerning home school students, and particularly those who have a religious exemption. After careful review of information furnished at the September ASAC meeting by the Virginia Department of Education, it was determined that current VCCS policy is accurate. However, for clarification the following change was approved at the November 2009 ASAC meeting and the December 2009 ACOP meeting:

6.0.1.1 Dual Enrollment Student Admissions (SB)

Dual enrollment is restricted to high school juniors and seniors and home school students studying at the high school junior or senior levels. All students admitted under this section must demonstrate readiness for college, meet the applicable college placement requirements and address all other college admission criteria. Home school students must provide a copy of a home school agreement approved by the school district or a letter *from the local school board or a copy of the letter filed by the parent/legal guardian* declaring home school for religious exemption. Documentation of parental permission is required for all dual enrollment students. Because enrolling freshman and sophomore students is considered exceptional, the college ready status of each prospective freshman and sophomore student will be treated on a case-by-case basis. Formal approval by the college president is required.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that the suggested revision to policy be approved by the State Board for Community Colleges.

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