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**TO:** Division Superintendents

**FROM:** James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUPT'S EMAIL:** Grant for Tuition Scholarships for Licensed High School Teachers to be Considered Faculty to Teach Dual Enrollment

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The General Assembly appropriated \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 for tuition scholarships to be specifically allocated solely for licensed public high school teachers pursuing additional credentialing requirements necessary to be considered faculty who are qualified to teach dual enrollment courses in high schools in their local school division. The criteria for the grant was revised during the Special Session of the General Assembly; therefore, you now may have individuals who are currently enrolled in relevant content/discipline area courses this semester who are eligible for dual enrollment tuition scholarships. No longer do teachers need to be enrolled in a teacher preparation program to be eligible for the tuition scholarships.

School divisions may apply to the Department of Education for a grant for dual enrollment tuition scholarship awards. Please submit grant requests no later than February 5, 2021.

In the application process, the school division is required to include:

- i) an explanation of why such dual enrollment tuition scholarship is warranted,
- ii) the dual enrollment course or courses that shall be offered by the scholarship recipient's high school and taught by the recipient upon the recipient's successful completion of required coursework for appropriate credentialing to teach such dual enrollment courses, and
- iii) the projected student enrollment in the recipient taught public high school dual enrollment courses.

The Department of Education must make payments on behalf of the scholarship recipients directly to the regionally accredited Virginia institution of higher education where the scholarship recipient is enrolled in courses for credit applicable to dual enrollment course curriculum available for public high school students. The lifetime maximum dual enrollment tuition scholarship award for each approved eligible teacher is \$7,500.

The Department of Education is required to compile and report to the General Assembly the application information for each applying school division and also must report the number of recipients and amount of tuition awarded to each school division, the institution of higher education receiving tuition, the credentialing area pursued by recipients, and dual enrollment courses offered after the recipient's successful completion of the pursued credentialing.

For additional details, refer to the Grant Application for School Divisions to Apply for Tuition Scholarships for Licensed High School Teachers to be Considered Faculty to Teach Dual Enrollment Courses that is attached to the digest as a separate Word document. School divisions are recommended to contact Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Education and Licensure, at (804) 371-2522 or [Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov).

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