

School Division, High School Earn VIP Awards

Fluvanna was one of fifteen school divisions to earn the Board of Education Excellence Award, an honor awarded as part of the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) program. The Board of Education Excellence Award is awarded to divisions that have met all state and federal accountability benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and have made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by Governor Kaine and the board.

Fluvanna County High School was one of 281 schools to earn the Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award for having met all state and federal benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and for making progress toward the goals of the governor and the board. James Barlow, FCHS principal, stated, "This is the second consecutive year that Fluvanna County High School has earned this award. My staff and students are commended for all the work they have done. I am proud of and delighted with this accomplishment."

VIP was approved by the Board of Education in July 2007, as an incentive program to reward and recognize fully accredited schools and school divisions making significant progress toward academic excellence. VIP awards points to schools and divisions based on the percentage of students achieving at the advanced level on Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments and progress made toward educational goals advocated by Governor Timothy M. Kaine and adopted by the board. The VIP program was designed to make Virginia's accountability system more meaningful to the public by differentiating schools and divisions that are excelling. In July 2009, the board added objectives for high school graduation to the VIP awards criteria and established more rigorous benchmarks for achievement in the core subject areas of English, mathematics, science, and history/social science.

"We are truly excited about these honors. They recognize the hard work put forth by our staff and students," stated Fluvanna superintendent Dr. Tom Smith.