

Tech Prep in Virginia



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TECH PREP IN VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, educational institutions in the Commonwealth are working to raise expectations for all students at every level of education; and are working to facilitate the seamless passage of students from secondary education to and through postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, educators at all levels in the continuum must provide classroom and workplace learning experiences that actively engage students and that meet the needs of business and industry for employees who can solve problems and work effectively in teams; and

WHEREAS, Technical Preparation programs known as Tech Prep can help meet these needs by engaging students in programs of study that are focused and rigorous, preparing students for many options after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Tech Prep, through comprehensive career development planning for all students, guides individuals through a sequence of courses in occupationally specific cluster areas; and

WHEREAS, Tech Prep programs specifically meet the needs of students who have previously been channeled into general education programs that often do not lead to higher education or to the workforce of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, Tech Prep programs equip students to become lifelong learners, integrating academic and technical occupational instruction, as well as combining academic integrity with real-world applications both in the classroom and through programs such as apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, Tech Prep is more than the articulation of courses between secondary and higher education, but involves essential curriculum changes as well as changes in the way instruction is delivered at all levels;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned do hereby affirm our support for Tech Prep and for the collaboration that must be on-going between education and business and industry; between academic and vocational educators; and between secondary and postsecondary educators to effectively implement Tech Prep in the educational institutions of the Commonwealth.

Original document signed by:

- Arnold R. Oliver, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System (Sept. 20, 1994)
- Gordon Davies, Director, State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (Sept. 22, 1994)
- William C. Boshier, Superintendent of Public Instruction (Sept. 22, 1994)
- Theron J. Bell, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (Sept. 28, 1994)

