

**The Governor's School of Southside Virginia
Policy Manual**

Section

Constitution

ARTICLE 1

Name

The name of this Association shall be The Governor's School of Southside Virginia and it shall exist pursuant to the terms of an agreement executed by School Boards of the Counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Greensville, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward, Virginia, which agreement is entered into by the aforesaid School Boards for the purpose of jointly operating a regional special education program.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be to provide a challenging, interdisciplinary program to supplement the educational programs of the participating localities.

ARTICLE III

Membership of Association

The membership of this Association shall be composed of the Superintendents and School Boards of the Counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Greensville, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward.

ARTICLE IV

Governing Body

The governing body of this Association shall be a Committee of Control which shall be known as the Governor's School Joint Board and composed of members of the School Boards which are members of this Governor's School Joint Board.

- (a) Each School Board who is a member of this Governor's School Joint Board shall select from its membership one (1) person to serve on the Governor's School Joint Board and one person to serve as alternate. In the event of failure of any person to fulfill his/her duty as a Committee member or to complete a term of office, or to attend a meeting, the alternate shall serve as representative.
- (b) Members shall be selected for a term of two years. There are no term limits, and the name of each representative for the coming school year is verified by each school division advocate prior to July 30.

**The Governor's School of Southside Virginia
Policy Manual**

- (c) A majority of the Governor's School Joint Board shall constitute a quorum at a meeting and a majority of those present shall be necessary for a decision.
- (d) The powers of the Governor's School Joint Board shall be those delineated in the Regulations of the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia as approved by the Governor's School Joint Board members upon the formation of this Association.

ARTICLE V

Selection of Officers and Duties

1. The Governor's School Joint Board shall select from its membership a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman at the July meeting each year.
 - (a) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Governor's School Joint Board and shall see that all orders and resolutions have the general powers and duties of supervision usually vested in the office of a Chairman of a School Board of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - (b) The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of Chairman during the absence or disability of the Chairman.
2. The Governor's School Joint Board shall select a Clerk, who shall not be a member of the Governor's School Joint Board and who shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Governor's School Board. The Clerk shall be the custodian of all records of the Governor's School Joint Board and shall send out all notices required by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Governor's School Joint Board. The Director of The Governor's School of Southside Virginia may be appointed Clerk.
3. Cumberland County Public Schools shall be the fiscal agent for the Governor's School and shall receive and disburse funds thereof. Disbursement shall be in accordance with Section 22.1-122 Section B-E of the Code of Virginia.
4. The Chairman of the Governor's School Joint Board shall appoint such committees as it deems practicable in the operation of the activities of the Governor's School of Southside Virginia.

**The Governor's School of Southside Virginia
Policy Manual**

**ARTICLE VI
Dissolution Clause**

In the event of the dissolution of The Governor's School of Southside Virginia program, all assets shall be dedicated to the school division(s) continuing the work of the educational program, on a pro rata basis according to the student population of the participating school divisions at the time of such dissolution.

**ARTICLE VII
Entering the Program**

In the event of a school division wishing to enter GSSV, a one-year written notice must be submitted to the Director by June 30 for the Joint Board to approve. The school division will then participate in the recruitment and selection processes the upcoming year to send juniors only the first year and juniors and seniors the second year and all subsequent years. The number of slots available for a new school division will be dependent on the size of the division and the staffing and maximum class size allowed.

**ARTICLE VIII
Withdrawal from Program**

In the event of a school division wishing to withdraw from GSSV, a two-year written notice must be submitted to the Director by June 30 for the Joint Board to approve. The school division will send both juniors and seniors for the two-years and then only seniors the third year in order for them to finish the program.

Policies

1.1 Authority of the GSSV Governing Board

The fiscal agent's procedures and policies shall be followed in all cases except where differing policies and procedures have been approved by the Governor's School Board. All such changes shall be included in the GSSV Policy Manual.

1.2 Executive Superintendent

Superintendents of the participating school divisions shall constitute a committee of superintendents to oversee the operation of the Governor's School. One member of the committee shall serve as Executive Superintendent of the Governor's School on an annual basis. The appointment of the Executive Superintendent is decided upon by the participating school divisions' superintendents, and there is no term limit. The Executive Superintendent will meet regularly with the Director to be informed of the day-to-day operations of GSSV. He/She will be responsible for yearly evaluations of the Director. The Executive Superintendent will be the first person the Director contacts when an issue or concern arise within GSSV.

Approved by Governor's School Board: 02/16/2022