Commonwealth Performance Standard

Virginia will be first in the nation in educational attainment and higher education excellence.

Progress Indicators

Goal 1 (Affordable Access):
- Enrollment: Virginia will enroll an additional X students, including Y underserved students.
- Aid: Virginia will meet the financial need of X percent of low- and middle-income students.
- Cost: Virginia’s undergraduate tuition and fees as a percentage of disposable income will be below the national average and less than X percent for Y percent of Virginians.

Goal 2 (Student Success):
- Persistence: Virginia will increase the number of students taking at least 15 credit hours a semester, from X to Y.
- Awards: Virginia will award X degrees and certificates, an increase of Y.
- Cohort Success: Virginia will close the gaps in educational attainment.

Goal 3 (Change and Improvement):
- Internal Reviews: Virginia institutions will conduct reviews of academic, administrative, or organizational policies and processes.
- External Reviews: Virginia institutions will meet institutional performance standards (public only) and accreditation requirements (all).

Goal 4 (Economic and Cultural Prosperity of the Commonwealth and its Regions):
- Economic prosperity: Graduates of Virginia’s colleges and universities will earn sustainable wages.
- Regional impact: Institutions will contribute to increases in economic development and PK-12 school success in their communities.
- Research activity: Virginia will achieve over $2 billion in sponsored research.
- Cultural prosperity: Virginia will continue to be viewed as “best state in the nation.”