

*Pathways to Opportunity:
The Virginia Plan
for Higher Education*

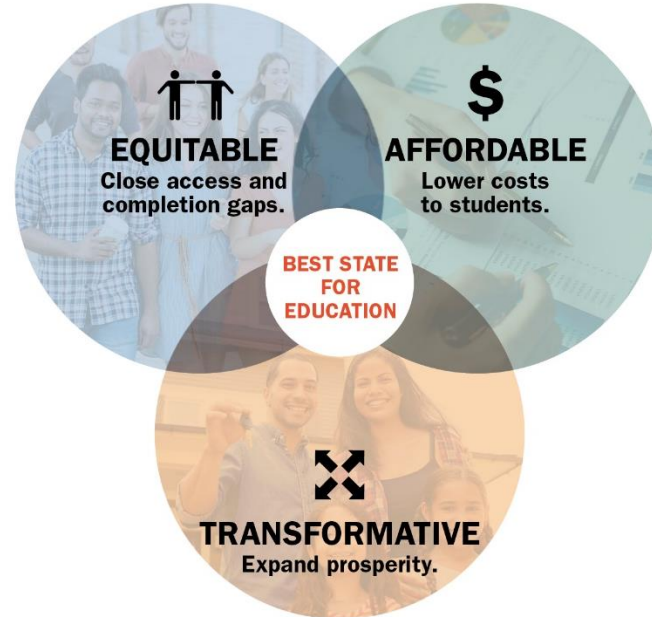
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Pathways to Opportunity - Goals

Remove barriers to access and attainment, especially for Black, Hispanic, Native American and rural students; students learning English as a second language; students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds; and students with disabilities.



Invest in and support the development of initiatives that provide cost savings to students while maintaining the effectiveness of instruction.

Increase the social, cultural and economic well-being of individuals and communities within the Commonwealth and its regions.

Goal 1: Equitable – Close Gaps



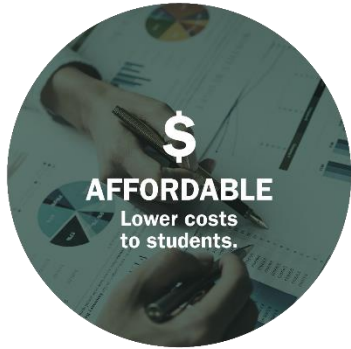
Supporting Strategies

Expand postsecondary opportunities and awareness to Virginians who may not view higher education as an option.

Advance digital access, adoption and literacy as well as high-quality, effective remote-learning programs.

Strengthen student support services for persistence and completion: mental health, mentoring, career services, social, student basic needs, information technology, disability support and other services.

Goal 2: Affordable – Lower Costs



Supporting Strategies

Align tuition and fees, financial aid and state appropriations such that students have broader access to postsecondary education opportunities regardless of their ability to pay.

Cultivate affordable postsecondary education pathways for traditional, non-traditional and returning students.

Update and reform funding models and policies to improve equity, affirm return on investment and encourage increased and consistent levels of state funding.

Foster program and administrative innovations that enhance quality, promote collaboration and improve efficiency.

Goal 3: Transformative – Expand Prosperity



Supporting Strategies

Support experiences that improve students' employment outcomes, income and community engagement.

Improve the alignment between post-secondary academic programs and labor market outcomes.

Cultivate a climate of inclusion and innovation through scholarship, research, a diverse faculty and other programming.

Measuring Success

Measures to Assess Goal Fulfillment

Goals	Measure
Goal 1 Equitable: Close access and completion gaps.	Attainment
	Enrollment
Goal 2 Affordable: Lower costs to students.	Awards
	Borrowing
Goal 3 Transformative: Expand prosperity.	Wages

Source: SCHEV and ACS data.