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Mission:

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) establishes policies and rules for the implementation of West Virginia’s education goals and to ensure the general supervision, oversight and monitoring of a thorough and efficient educational system.
Vision:

“Good kids doing great work.” The West Virginia Board of Education is working to create a high quality public education system that develops students who are healthy, responsible, self-directed and who have the knowledge and Global21 skills necessary to lead satisfying and productive lives.
To meet or exceed state, national and international curriculum standards that incorporate acquisition of 21st century skills through engaging opportunities in the arts, world languages, health and physical education, and career technical education as well as the core subjects of reading/English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies;

To develop the personal skills and dispositions of wellness, responsibility, cultural awareness, self-direction, ethical character and good citizenship in an environment that is caring and safe;

To graduate from high school prepared for post-secondary education and career success through personalized pathways and guidance that focus students on productive and satisfying lives.
Accomplishments

Priority 1: To meet the personal needs of each student.

As a result of Policy 2512: Instructional Supports for Third and Eighth Grade Students to Achieve Critical Skills, schools are required to provide extra assistance to students in danger of not having the necessary skills to advance from the third and eighth grades.

- Counties during the 2010-2011 school year set up 119 intervention programs before, during and after school, as well as over spring break and over the summer break.

- Statewide, 6,282 third graders received help in reading and 6,163 received help with math. Among eighth grade students, 7,401 received intervention help in reading and 8,344 received assistance with math.

Updates to Policy 2444.4: Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED) Diploma allow West Virginia to participate in the GED® Option program through the American Council on Education GED Testing Service.

- The program allows students ages 16, 17 and 18 to remain enrolled in high school while completing GED requirements. Before the change, those under age 18 who wanted to pursue a GED had to withdraw from school before taking the GED test.

- West Virginia’s program goes further by allowing potential GED students to remain in career and technical education courses. These students are able to earn a GED as well as certification in their chosen career technical field.

- Twenty-six county school systems are piloting the GED Option in the 2011-2012 school year at 16 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Centers and at three of the state’s Institutional Education Program sites.
West Virginia Is Reaching Out to Students With Special Needs

- West Virginia schools are addressing the needs of autistic children through educational programs that provide predictability and structure. Such programs include one-on-one teaching, customized plans for individual students, and breaking down learning tasks into small steps and teaching them over and over in a reinforcing way until they are mastered.

- West Virginia is one of 11 states selected to participate in a pilot project to assess learning of special needs students. The multi-state Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment System Consortium will seek to create an assessment system to support teachers in improving learning for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The project will work to develop alternate achievement standards that are aligned with Common Core State Standards for college and career readiness.

- The state Board of Education adopted many recommendations made by the West Virginia Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional Children to help those students with special needs.

Universal Preschool Aids West Virginia’s Youngest Students

- West Virginia has been recognized nationally for a progressive state law that requires universal preschool be available to all of the state’s 4-year-olds by the 2012-2013 school year.

- The program enrolled about 60 percent of the state’s 4-year-olds, or about 15,550 children, in 2010-2011.

- About 70 percent of the preschool programs are in collaborative settings with Head Start, child care and private programs. State code requires counties to submit a plan to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the state Board of Education every two years outlining progress.

- Those counties that met universal preschool status in 2010-2011 are Braxton, Clay, Cabell, Harrison, Jackson, Lewis, Mineral, Pleasants, Randolph, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler and Wirt.
West Virginia’s state-funded preschool program has earned the state high marks in a national report by Pre-K Now.

The annual Pew report “Votes Count” cited West Virginia’s Universal Pre-K Program as an example of “smart, research-based policy and strong, sustained commitments.” The annual report of state-funded preschool programs noted that West Virginia enrolls a greater percentage of its 4-year-olds in state-funded preschool than all but two other states.

In addition, the state ranked 10th in the nation in 2010 in terms of spending per child in pre-K, moving up from 13th in 2009. West Virginia’s pre-K program met eight of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

Universal Meals Pilot

Fewer children are going hungry in West Virginia because of increased participation in the WVDE’s Universal Free Meals Pilot. Since the pilot was launched last fall in eight counties, breakfast participation has nearly doubled from about 40 percent in 2010-2011 to 78 percent in October. Lunch participation has increased from about 67 percent to 77 percent.

Schools in Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Lincoln, Mason, McDowell and Mingo counties and Guyandotte Elementary in Cabell County are piloting the program that provides free meals to all students regardless of income. Schools participating in the pilot are offering breakfast or lunch or both. Schools and counties that volunteered to participate in the one-year pilot have a high percentage of children, up to nearly 80 percent, who qualify for free or reduced price meals. By increasing participation, schools can recover much of the cost associated with the program through federal meal reimbursements.
Health

- Nine West Virginia health care centers were chosen to receive a federal grant to renovate, expand and improve school-based community health services.
  - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant will allow health centers to provide more students with health screenings, health promotion and disease prevention activities, and enable children with acute or chronic illnesses to better manage their conditions at school.

- West Virginia public schools are helping kids eat better and exercise more through the West Virginia Department of Education’s Healthy Eating and Activity Teams and Tactics project (HEATT).
  - West Virginia received $348,537 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Team Nutrition Training Grant program. Eleven counties were selected and three schools from each county received $4,500.

  - HEATT involves training and support for multidisciplinary teams, including foodservice staff; school-based activities designed to empower students to make healthy choices; a parent/school newsletter; and a resource for all elementary and middle schools that will feature healthy and nutritious food for school parties.

- West Virginia public schools are making progress in their efforts to improve student health and wellness under the state’s Healthy Lifestyles Act.

- West Virginia’s elementary and middle schools are meeting requirements to provide physical education or an acceptable alternative.
  - The percentage of elementary schools completely meeting or exceeding the time requirement without an alternative plan has slightly increased each year since the requirement was enacted in 2005.
• A Cabell County middle school was selected as a national recipient of the Blue Apple Health Education Award. Enslow Middle School in Huntington is among five schools across the country to be selected for the annual award honoring outstanding health education programs.

• Four West Virginia schools joined Beyoncé and first lady Michelle Obama for the Let’s Move! Flash Workout as part of an effort to reduce childhood obesity.

Common Ground

• The West Virginia Board of Education and other members of the Common Ground: Education and Military Partnership joined acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin as he signed into law House Bill 2550 making West Virginia the 36th member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The board then approved the partnership during a monthly meeting.

West Virginia Leads the Nation in Developing a Common Assessment System

• The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) received millions of dollars to develop the first ever common assessment system. West Virginia was a founding member of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Since its inception, 31 states have joined the consortium.

• West Virginia is one of the governing states on the SBAC and began its work by conducting an assessment framework study. The group will analyze the common core standards at each grade level to determine what skills can be tested.
Literacy
• The West Virginia Department of Education has received a grant from the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Project.
  • The money is to be used by counties to integrate early childhood education, adult literacy, adult basic education and parenting education into a unified family literacy program.

Foreign Language
• STARTALK
  • About 50 first through fifth grade students have been learning Chinese during STARTALK summer camp.

Arts in Education: Fifth Annual Arts Alive Event
• Student artists and musicians sang, danced, acted and illustrated their talents at the annual Arts Alive event celebrating the arts achievement of public schoolchildren.
  • The signature event included elementary students for the first time in 2011.

West Virginia Hosts Annual Social Studies Fair
• Hundreds of students from across West Virginia presented their research projects on various topics as part of the nation’s only statewide social studies fair.
Accomplishments

Priority 2: To elevate the importance of great teachers and learning.

Educator Evaluation Pilot

- With the guidance of the WVBE, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), in consultation with the West Virginia Teacher, Leader and Counselor Evaluation Task Forces, established a one-year pilot project in 25 schools to explore and evaluate a revision of the state’s current educator evaluation system. The WVDE will conduct research to explore outcomes of the pilot. The research will inform the scale up of a coherent statewide teacher, leader and counselor evaluation system. This initiative supports the governor’s proposal to enhance educator effectiveness and support through meaningful evaluations and mentoring.

ACT Scores Improve

- Of the more than 11,500 West Virginia students who took the ACT in 2011, 70 percent were ready for freshman English courses compared to 66 percent of students nationwide. Fifty-three percent of state test-takers were ready for freshman reading courses, ranking above the national percentage of 52 percent.

SAT Scores Increase in All Areas

- The College Board’s 2011 Annual Student Achievement Report showed that minority public school students in West Virginia are experiencing the greatest participation growths on the SAT college entrance exam. Overall, West Virginia public school student participation on the SAT increased nearly 7 percent to 2,455.
WESTEST 2 Scores Improve

- Latest results of the West Virginia Educational Standards Test (WESTEST2) show that the majority of schools accountable under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) showed improvement in 2010-2011.

- Fifty-five percent of schools showed improvement in mathematics, while 77 percent of schools showed improvement in reading/language arts.

West Virginia Pilots NAEP Exam

- West Virginia became one of only 11 states to participate in the pilot National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 12th grade exam.

ACT WorkKeys® Scores

- Of the 6,333 career technical education completers in 2011 who took the National ACT WorkKeys Assessments, 86.3 percent scored above the national average in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information and Locating Information.

Science Scores Improve

- According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, the state’s fourth and eighth grade students showed solid science scores on the 2010 Nation’s Report Card.

- West Virginia’s fourth grade students averaged a score of 148 on the 2009 science assessment. The national average was 149. The state’s eighth grade students averaged a science score of 145, compared to the average national score of 149.

Advanced Placement (AP®)

- In the past five years, the total number of AP exams taken by West Virginia public school students has increased by nearly 63 percent from 5,655 to 9,201. West Virginia ranked fifth in the nation for the percent increase in the number of exams taken.

- The growth in the number of AP exams taken by West Virginia public school students receiving a score of 3 or higher increased by nearly 51 percent since 2006 from 2,647 to 3,992.
• West Virginia ranked second in the nation for the percent increase in the number of passing AP exam scores (3, 4, 5). The percentage of African-American public school students participating in AP courses increased by 4.1 percent.

Career Technical Education Statistics
• Global21 Performance assessments were initiated in all CTE programs resulting in a 92 percent passage rate.

• Career Technical Education completers have a 96.7 percent positive placement:
  • 52.2 percent were placed in jobs;
  • 41.9 percent were placed in continuing education;
  • 2.6 percent were placed in the military.

Schools Earn Exemplary Accreditation Status
• Seventy-one schools from across West Virginia, including elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and career technical centers, were honored for achieving Exemplary Accreditation status for 2010-2011.

Learn21
• Learn21 offers students and parents educational resources that can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at school, after school, at home, on snow days, during the summer; it’s learning anytime, anywhere.

• The site includes hundreds of grade specific offerings for preschool through 12th grade in math, science, social studies, language arts, wellness, art, music, theater, agriculture, finance and engineering. New resources are added monthly with the help of educators statewide.
ReadWV

- ReadWV is a long-term project designed to promote reading. The campaign is a joint effort of the West Virginia Department of Education, Read Aloud West Virginia, the West Virginia Library Commission, the Imagination Library and Read to Me Day sponsor American Electric Power to encourage children and their parents and grandparents to make reading a priority early in life and to involve all West Virginians in the critical task of ensuring that children read every day.

- West Virginia promoted reading through the “What are you reading West Virginia?” video contest. Three students, elementary, middle school and high school, won a Kindle electronic reader for telling us why they love to read. Participants were asked to create a 3-minute video about reading.

- The video contest was part of the West Virginia’s Read WV project to promote literacy and encourage children and adults to read daily.

Teachers Challenged to Show How They Incorporated 21st Century Learning

- Teachers from 10 schools were the recipients of classroom grants as winners in the West Virginia Department of Education’s Thinkfinity contest showing how they’ve incorporated 21st century learning into their classrooms.

- The department partnered with the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and offered 100 instructional resources, including iPads, wireless presentation pointers, wireless keyboards, thumb drives and much more to teachers who created videos that told others why they love their profession.
National Board Certification

- Fifty-three West Virginia teachers earned National Board Certification in 2010-2011, the highest credential in the teaching profession.

- Currently, West Virginia has 635 teachers certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in its public school system.

21st Century Skills Awarded

- For the fifth time in five years, the West Virginia Department of Education has been recognized for efforts to improve 21st century teaching and learning. West Virginia was a recipient of the 21st Century Practice of the Year Award for 2010, which commemorates the nation’s preeminent state-led 21st century skills initiatives.

- The Partnership for 21st Century Skills cited West Virginia for Learn21, an online learning website that students can use during their time away from the classroom.

Teach21

- Edutopia, CNN and The Buck Institute have referred to Teach21 as the No. 1 website in the world for project-based learning plans.

- Teach21 gets approximately 45,000 hits per month from about 100 different countries.

- Teach21 provides easy access to West Virginia’s curriculum, quality unit plans, lesson plans, project-based learning plans and instructional guides. The Strategy Bank contains research-based instructional strategies for developing vocabulary and comprehension in all content areas.
Righting a Wrong

- The West Virginia State Bar and the West Virginia Department of Education partnered to offer West Virginia students the chance to win as much as $1,000 for creating a video on “Righting a Wrong” to be placed on YouTube. The second place finishers won $500, while third place received $250.

- The contest, which was open to West Virginia public school students in grades 6 through 12, gave participants the chance to create a video about a wrong that they would right, an injustice they would correct, or something that they would remedy within the judicial system.

Next Generation Standards

- The West Virginia Board of Education adopted the Next Generation of State Standards for West Virginia schools to incorporate a national common core and add rigor.

- The state Board of Education adopted common core standards in English/language arts and math as a part of the Common Core State Standards Initiative, which establishes consistent and clear education standards nationwide. Since then, the West Virginia Department of Education has worked to fine tune state standards to make them more fitting for the 21st century.

- The Next Generation Standards are designed to focus on fewer concepts while stressing deeper learning and understanding. The new standards and assessments will be used to concentrate instruction on developing key strategies and skills that are necessary for student success in the workplace and in college.
Blue Ribbon Schools

- Three West Virginia schools were recognized as among America’s best in 2011. Inwood Primary School in Berkeley County, Maxwell Hill Elementary School in Raleigh County and Triadelphia Middle School in Ohio County were among 305 schools nationwide named by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools. The program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels.

ProStart Competition Showcases Career Technical Education

- Students competed in the 10th Annual West Virginia ProStart Hospitality Cup competition in Morgantown. The annual two-day event is conducted by the West Virginia Department of Education’s Office of Hospitality Education and Training (WVHEAT).

- The event allowed high school juniors and seniors to show off their culinary and management skills gained through the ProStart program offered through career and technical education programs statewide. Each team, composed of three to five students, prepared a gourmet meal developed with an industry mentor.

West Virginia Student Receives Leadership Award

- A Jackson County student was the 2011 recipient of the Leadership Award, the highest honor awarded by the Future Educators Association (FEA).

- The FEA Leadership Award honors student members who have gone beyond the scope of their daily work by creating service learning projects that focus on education-related issues in their communities and require at least 40 hours of work.
Accomplishments

**Priority 3: To make the improvement of public education a moral imperative of every citizen and stakeholder.**

Thousands of West Virginia children who otherwise might have gone hungry enjoyed free meals during the summer through a program sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- The Summer Food Service Program is the largest federal resource available for local programs that combine mealtime with recreational and educational activities. In 2011, the program served more than 17,700 children every day.

- Meals and snacks were served at schools, parks, pools, housing complexes, churches and community buildings located in low-income areas or during programs that serve children from low income households.

- In 2011 there were 564 Summer Food Service Program sites.

Eleven schools across West Virginia were the recipients of playground improvement grants totaling nearly $527,000 as part of an effort to combat childhood obesity.

- The West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the state Bureau for Public Health joined forces to promote student health and wellness through the distribution of the grants.

**AmberVision Launched to Help Recover Missing Children**

- Across the United States, a child is reported missing every 40 seconds. That's 800,000 children a year, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. While many children are found safe, of those who are murdered after being abducted, 40 percent are killed within the first hour, about the time it traditionally takes police to get a photo of a missing child.
• In an effort to respond more quickly and to safely reunite more children with their families, the West Virginia Department of Education joined a partnership to create the AmberVision program. A secure database accessible only by law enforcement utilizes photos from the students’ school pictures. Authorities are able to download the images within seconds of learning a child is missing.

West Virginia School Chosen as National Hope Bear School

• A Harrison County elementary school was selected as a Hope Bear School by the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum 16 years after the tragic bombing. Lumberport Elementary is the first school in West Virginia to achieve the national recognition.

• The program recognizes schools that effectively incorporate the story of the Oklahoma bombing into social studies projects and other lessons using the traveling Hope Trunk. The trunk contains artifacts, visual materials, literature and classroom exercises that involve character lessons, regular math, geography, reading, literature and writing exercises to educate students about senseless violence and the need for peaceful means to solve differences.

Schools, Public Broadcasting Working Together to Educate Children

• The West Virginia Department of Education built upon its partnership with the Educational Broadcasting Authority to increase learning opportunities for children.

• Links to West Virginia Public Broadcasting resources are now posted on the West Virginia Department of Education Learn21 website, www.learn21wv.com. In addition, the two agencies are working to better align and link Cable in the Classroom resources to Learn21.
Accomplishments

Priority 4: To accelerate innovation and transform schools to meet Global21 demands.

The West Virginia Department of Education’s Office of Instructional Technology awarded technology grants to 17 schools in 11 counties.

West Virginia public schools are making progress in their efforts to improve student health and wellness under the state’s Healthy Lifestyles Act.

- West Virginia’s elementary and middle schools are meeting requirements to provide physical education or an acceptable alternative.

- The percentage of elementary schools completely meeting or exceeding the time requirement without an alternative plan has slightly increased each year since the requirement was enacted in 2005.

West Virginia is one of 11 states selected to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve the school environment in some of the lowest performing schools.

- The goal of the Safe and Supportive Schools grant program is to create and support safe and drug-free learning environments and to increase academic success for students in high-risk schools.

According to Education Week’s “Quality Counts 2011: Uncertain Forecast, Education Adjusts to a New Economic Reality,” West Virginia is among the Top 10 states with an overall grade of B-. The nation received only a C.
State board members adopted a resolution outlining 10 elements of high quality digital learning as proposed by the Digital Learning Council.

West Virginia Released a Career Pathways Publication

- “West Virginia Career Pathways: A Bridge to Opportunities,” provides parents, students and working adults with career information about jobs in West Virginia.
Additional Successes

State Science Camp

- The West Virginia Department of Education and the National Youth Science Foundation launched a state camp in an effort to promote the study of science statewide.

- Two rising 10th graders from every county were invited to participate in the camp, which is modeled after the National Youth Science Camp.

Creativity in Science Recognized

- Three West Virginia teachers were among 50 across the country chosen to receive $500,000 in grants through the Toyota Tapestry program that recognizes teaching excellence and creativity in science.

Innovation Zones

- The West Virginia Board of Education awarded nearly $363,000 to 13 schools or consortiums seeking to become School Innovation Zones.

- The School Innovation Zones Act encourages pilot projects at schools around the state. The law allows for waivers to certain state laws, rules and policies to give teachers and principals greater local control over the curriculum, schedule and staffing in their schools. Schools designated as Innovation Zones essentially become learning laboratories with the flexibility to try innovative teaching strategies.
New School Service Personnel Award Created

- The West Virginia Board of Education voted to establish an annual awards program that recognizes outstanding school service personnel employees. Each year the program will honor one person, chosen from aides, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, maintenance workers, office workers and other school service personnel, for his or her contribution to the school and community.

National Recognition Received

- Cynthia Burke, a math teacher at Sherrard Middle School in Marshall County, and Rebecca Jones, a science teacher at Lumberport Middle School in Harrison County, were among 103 mathematics and science teachers to receive the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2011.

Transition to Teaching

- The first group of Transition to Teaching students to become teachers successfully completed the alternative certification program in 2011. The first cohort included 13 teachers – three special education teachers, five science teachers, three math teachers, one Spanish teacher and one English teacher.

National Recognitions

- Darlene Koerber, who teaches physical education at Tyler Consolidated Middle School in Tyler County, was named the 2010 national Middle School Teacher of the Year by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

- Debra O’Dell, who teaches social studies at Herbert Hoover High School in Kanawha County, was the 2010 recipient of the American Lawyers Auxiliary High School Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Award.
Teacher Receives National Award

- Michelle Adams, a teacher at Spring Mills Middle School in Berkeley County, was among about 85 mathematics and science teachers nationwide to receive the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The teachers received their awards during a ceremony at the White House.

West Virginia Working to Reward Teachers

- Josh Ratiiff, a math teacher and technology integration specialist at Huntington High School in Cabell County, and Stephanie Van Evera, a National Board Certified art teacher at Hedgesville High School in Berkeley County, submitted winning videos in the West Virginia Department of Education’s “Why I Love to Teach” video contest.

Student Receives National Science Award

- A Monongalia County student was one of only seven students across the country to win a first place award in the 49th Annual National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in San Diego.

Former State Board of Education Member Receives National Education Award

- Barbara Fish, a former member of the West Virginia Board of Education, was the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

Board of Education Members Selected for National Roles

- West Virginia Board of Education member Lowell Johnson served as president of the National Association of State Boards of Education until January 2011. He was first named president-elect in 2008. Fellow West Virginia Board Member Gayle Manchin was named president-elect in 2011 and will serve as president in 2012, giving West Virginia
its second member to be selected for the national leadership position in recent years.

- Priscilla Haden, member of the West Virginia Board of Education and president until July 2011, was selected as a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education’s Governmental Affairs Committee.

National Bus Driver Recognized

- Monongalia County school bus driver Lester LeMasters was named the national Children’s Choice School Bus Driver of the Year.

- LeMasters was nominated by second grader Chancellor Coger, who said LeMasters “saved my life” by ending daily bullying with a simple alteration to the daily bus stops.
Updates to **Policy 5100**: Approval of Educational Personnel Preparation Programs add professional standards for school counselors. The revisions, based on recommendations from the School Counseling Model Task Force, articulate what a school counselor should know and be able to do.

Changes to **Policy 2445.40**: Groupings for Adoption of Instructional Resources for Early Childhood Education, Middle Childhood Education, and Adolescent Education delays the adoption of instructional resources for two years. This update also allows county school systems to redirect funds to build the infrastructure necessary for implementation of digital resources currently being developed as the publishers make their transition to interactive digital resources.

Updates to **Policy 2525**: West Virginia’s Universal Access to a Quality Early Education System were made to address the continuous quality improvement of West Virginia’s Universal Pre-K system. The revisions target three key areas, including continued collaboration of community partners to strengthen universal enrollment processes; the approval process for comprehensive pre-K curricula; and the revision of the current program assessment and continuous quality improvement procedures for the county collaborative early childhood team.

Updates to **Policy 2510**: Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs reflect the first phase of revisions to occur over the next 12 months. Revisions include the elimination of time constraints for teaching particular subjects at the elementary and middle school levels; the removal of expired graduation requirements; the condensation of current graduation requirements into one cohesive set; and other minor provisions.
Changes to Policy 2520 define what courses should contain for all programs of study.

- In May, the board sought public comment on updates to Policy 2520.1, 21st Century Reading and English Language Arts Content Standards and Objectives and Policy 2520.1A, Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives for English Language Arts in West Virginia Schools.

- Subsequent changes to Policy 2520.1 resulted in the removal of kindergarten standards and objectives. Policy 2520.1A revised English/language arts standards for all grade levels. Updates to Policy 2520.2, 21st Century Mathematics Content Standards and Objectives for West Virginia Schools resulted in the removal of the kindergarten standards and objectives. Policy 2520.2B updated math standards for all grade levels.
**WVDE Expenditures**

**Federal**
- Other Programs: $47,425,243.85, 12.28%
- Child Nutrition: $94,720,474.53, 24.53%
- Vocational: $13,679,366.91, 3.54%
- Special Education: $104,681,082.98, 27.11%
- Title I: $116,815,708.51, 30.25%

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