

Governor Terry McAuliffe's Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence  
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Prevention Subcommittee

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**Recommendation Summary:** The need to combat campus sexual assault begins years before the students reach campus; therefore we are recommending the Virginia Department of Education incorporate healthy relationship programming in K-12.

**Need:** We recognize that the prevention of sexual assault is about changing the culture and providing age appropriate education about healthy relationships

**Anticipated Challenges to Implementation of Recommendation:**

The Prevention Subcommittee recognizes that change to the school curriculum is a complex process.

**Implementation:** Prevention programming should include the following elements

- a. Adequate dosage
- b. Repeated exposure over years. Imbed across pre-existing forms of information dissemination.
- c. Age appropriate learning

Programmatic

1. Content that is developed or adopted should have adequate research and/or data informing and/or supporting it.
  - a. What are strengths of program? Limitations?
  - b. What sub-groups were included in assessment? Research? Evaluation?
    - i. Is the program adequate to reach historically marginalized sub-groups (i.e., students of color, LGBT students, faith-based students, boys/men, etc.)
2. Content should be both immediately actionable, and able to shift cultural norms that support sexual assault.
3. The following elements should be considered when adopting or developing a program:
  - a. Content consistent with readiness of target audience
  - b. Adheres to research outlining optimal sequence for creating culture change
  - c. Content is actionable and skills based

**Fiscal Impact:**

It would be up to the department of education to determine the fiscal impact.