



## Churchland Middle School – Accreditation Status

On Thursday, January 28, 2016, the Virginia Board of Education released accreditation information for Churchland Middle School. Churchland Middle School is currently rated as an accreditation denied school. While we are disappointed in this decision, we are working diligently to ensure student success and increased achievement at CHMS, and we are confident that our actions will enable us to achieve accreditation in the coming year.

**Q: What does “Accreditation Denied” mean?**

A: Schools must meet certain pass rates on the SOL tests to be fully accredited. A school is denied accreditation if it fails to meet the requirements to be rated fully or provisionally accredited for four consecutive years.

**Q: Will Churchland Middle or Portsmouth Public Schools lose state funding because of this?**

A: No. State funding is not tied to accreditation status.

**Q: Will the state takeover or close Churchland Middle School?**

A: No. The state will meet with PPS to develop a plan of action to remedy student achievement.

**Q: Will my child lose credit for the classes he or she is taking this year?**

A: No. Accreditation status does not impact a student’s ability to gain academic credit.

**Q: Will my child be denied advancement to the next grade because of the accreditation status?**

A: No. Accreditation status does not impact a student’s ability to advance to the next grade.

**Q: What happens now?**

A: The PPS School Board will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Board of Education. A MOU is a plan detailing the agreed upon steps to be taken by PPS and Churchland Middle School to raise student achievement to state standards.

**Q: How can Churchland Middle School regain an accreditation status of “fully accredited?”**

A: Churchland Middle School will need to meet the state mandated pass rates in the four content areas for all students.

Accreditation Rating	Pass Rates on SOL Tests Required		CHMS 2014-2015 SOL Pass Rates	
Fully accredited	English	75% or higher	English	65%
	Math	70% or higher	Math	59%
	Science	70% or higher	Science	63%
	Social Studies	70% or higher	Social Studies	94%

**Q: Are there other options for accreditation other than “Fully accredited?”**

A: Yes. There are several. Partially Accredited: Approaching Benchmark-Pass Rate, Partially Accredited: Improving School-Pass Rate, Partially Accredited: Warned School-Pass Rate, or Partially Accredited: Reconstituted School. A full explanation of what each of these means can be found at the Virginia Department of Education’s Website using the link below:

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics\\_reports/accreditation\\_federal\\_reports/accreditation/index.shtml#descriptions](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/accreditation_federal_reports/accreditation/index.shtml#descriptions)

**Q: What is Churchland Middle doing to work toward meeting a full or partial accreditation status?**

A: Division and school level staff are closely monitoring student performance and working strategically to improve teaching and learning.

**Q: What can I do as a parent or guardian to help my child and Churchland Middle School?**

A: Encourage your child to be an active participant in their learning by participating in class, studying the material presented, preparing for assessments, and being a good school citizen.

**For More Information:**

Visit the Virginia Department of Education website and the home page for the Standards of Accreditation:

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/accreditation/index.shtml>

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