



## Virginia House of Delegates Page Program FAQs

### School and Education Information

#### What is a "day in the life" of a House Page?

- The General Assembly convenes annually on the second Wednesday in January and meets for 46 days in odd years and 60 days in even years.
- House Pages work 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Pages may leave at 12:00 PM on Fridays in order to travel home.
- House Pages work various jobs including assisting delegates and the House of Delegates Clerk's Office staff, running errands, answering phones, and other general office duties.
- House Pages reside at the Omni Hotel, which is paid for by the House of Delegates Clerk's Office.
- House Pages are unable to participate in sports or organized activities that would require absence from the House Page Program.

#### Do I still have to go to school?

- House Pages do not attend school, yet are responsible for coordinating and maintaining communication with their teachers, guidance counselor, and principal in order to complete all required and assigned school work during their employment as a House Page.
- Absenteeism for Pages is addressed in 8VAC20-110-40 and 8VAC20-110-50 of the Virginia Administrative Code.

#### Do I need permission from my school to be a House Page?

- Yes. As part of the application process, you are required to have your school principal, teachers, and guidance counselor sign forms stating that you have permission to serve as a House Page if appointed.

#### When do House Pages have time to study and complete school work?

- House Pages attend a mandatory Study Hall Monday through Thursday from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Omni Hotel, which is the House Page residence during the General Assembly session.

#### How do I get my school work?

- House Pages and their families are responsible for acquiring and submitting all school work and assignments required by their principal, teachers, and guidance counselor.
- Please note that applicants are required to discuss the House Page Program and academic requirements with their school before submitting an application. Do not assume that your school is familiar with the House Page Program. A proactive approach will result in a more positive experience for everyone.

### Are tutors available?

- Yes. During mandatory Study Hall, there are tutors available for English, Math, and Social Studies. The tutors are Virginia licensed educators in their specific content areas and are paid by the House of Delegates Clerk's Office.
- The tutors are able to contact families and schools in order to report academic progress.
- Failure to maintain academic requirements may result in suspension or dismissal from the House Page Program.

### What if I have to take an exam?

- The House Clerk's Staff and Study Hall tutors are unable to administer tests or exams.

### Can I bring school work to my job site?

- Yes. Please be aware that due to job responsibilities, House Pages may not have down time during the day to complete school assignments.

**For additional questions about the House of Delegates Page Program please contact Jay Pearson, Virginia House of Delegates Sergeant at Arms and House Information and Communications Services Director at (804) 698-1524 or [jpearson@house.virginia.gov](mailto:jpearson@house.virginia.gov).**