THE VIRGINIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION

The Field Services Division through the activities of the Virginia Interscholastic Association assists Virginia State College in making its facilities and services available to the high schools of Virginia. The Virginia Interscholastic Association is a state-wide pupil activity organization established in 1954 by the principals of predominately Negro secondary schools "to promote and to coordinate among secondary schools of Virginia a broad program of worthwhile activities" in order to bring about "an improved total program."

The Association provides guidance and leadership for its program, administers the rules and regulations governing its operation, maintains close liaison with member schools, encourages participation in activities by member schools and plans organizes, and coordinates in conjunction with coaches and activity sponsors a program of state-wide activities for Athletics, Drama, Forensics, Math-Science, Music, National Honor Society and Student Participation. The Association also provides for the training and certifying of qualified sports officials. As a means of insuring that the activities sponsored are in keeping with accepted National practices and standards, the Association maintains close liaison with the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, the student activities section of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Virginia High School League of the University of Virginia.

The central office of the Association is located in the Field Services Division at Virginia State College. The office is administered by the Executive Secretary of the Association and his staff under the general supervision of the Director of Field Services, who is a member of the Association's Executive Committee.