

What is **NIE?**



NIE (Newspaper in Education) is a cooperative effort between schools and newspapers to promote the use of newspapers as an educational resource. Newspapers large and small throughout the State of Virginia provide subsidized newspapers, SOL-based curriculum and training to educators in every grade level and discipline in every corner of the Commonwealth. The members of the **NIE Committee of the Virginia Press Association** represent newspapers throughout the state and meet several times a year to explore new and improved ways to provide relevant NIE resources to educators who are committed to maintaining and promoting excellence in all of Virginia's schools.

Newspaper in Education programs **in Virginia**

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| Bedford Bulletin
540-586-8612 | Manassas Journal Messenger
703-368-3101 |
| Bland County Messenger
276-228-6611 | The News and Advance
434-385-5429 |
| Bristol Herald Courier
276-669-2181 | The News Virginian
540-932-3573 |
| Culpeper Star-Exponent
540-825-0771, ext. 121 | Northern Virginia Daily
540-465-5137, ext. 136 |
| Daily Press
757-247-4920 | The Post
276-523-1141 |
| The Daily Progress
434-978-7200 | Potomac News
703-878-8000 |
| Danville Register and Bee
434-791-7954 | Richlands News-Press
276-963-1081 |
| Dickenson Star/Cumberland Times
276-926-8816 | Richmond Times-Dispatch
804-649-6298 |
| Fauquier Times-Democrat
540-347-4222, ext. 2420 | The Roanoke Times
540-981-3165 |
| The Floyd Press
276-963-1081 | Suffolk News-Herald
757-539-3437, ext. 628 |
| The Free Lance-Star
540-368-5052 | The Virginian Pilot
757-446-2012 |
| Gloucester-Mathews Gazette Journal
804-693-3101 | The Washington Post
202-334-5690 |
| Loudoun Times-Mirror
703-777-1111 | The Washington Times
202-636-4847 |



Newspapers in the Classroom can **significantly** **increase** SOL scores

Contact your local newspaper's
NIE Coordinator today!
www.vpa.net/nie.htm



Sample **NIE** Activities Correlated to **SOL's**

Social Studies K.3

Ask the students to use the newspaper weather page and identify the state of Virginia. Ask them to trace the outline of Virginia and search the rest of the paper for the word "Virginia" as well as other maps. Also ask them to search the newspaper for other triangular shapes similar to the shape of our state.

Mathematics 2.1

Ask the students to cut out one, two, and three-digit numbers from ads in the newspaper. Then have them paste them on individual 3x5 cards and identify the place value of each digit.

Science 4.8

Ask students to find items in the newspaper that depend on electricity, the sun, water, oil, natural gas, and wood for energy. They should label each item and describe the kind of work each performs.

English 7.6

Ask the students to make two columns on a sheet of paper, labeling one column, "Facts" and the other "Opinions." Select an editorial from the newspaper and ask the students to write down in the appropriate column examples of statements of facts and statements of opinion. Ask the students to make generalizations that led them to their decisions.

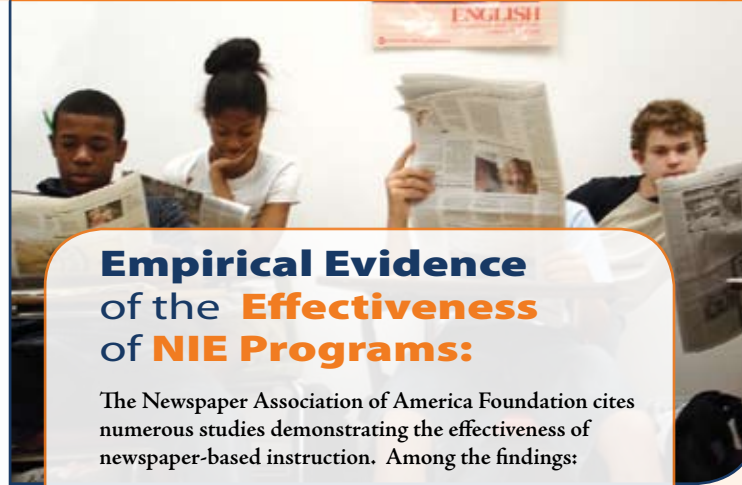
Civic Education and Government

Ask the students to list the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Next ask them to find at least five examples in the newspaper of how the Bill of Rights affects lives today. For each article, have them identify the right. Finally, ask them to describe how the news article relates to the amendment and how the story might be different if there were no Bill of Rights.

World Geography

Ask the students to follow news stories about two regions in conflict. Instruct them to work in groups to draw conclusions about the differences or similarities to the regions that might lead to conflict or cooperation.

*For more activities, please visit: <http://www.vpa.net/nie.htm>



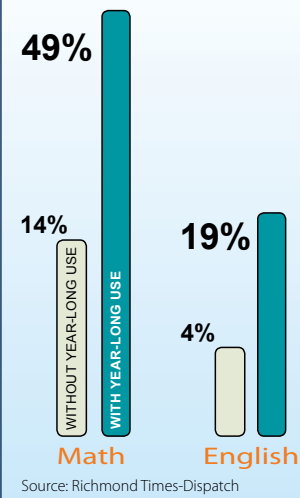
Empirical Evidence of the **Effectiveness** of **NIE** Programs:

The Newspaper Association of America Foundation cites numerous studies demonstrating the effectiveness of newspaper-based instruction. Among the findings:

- Students who use newspapers as a principal source material have better achievement scores in social studies, language arts, and mathematics than their matched counterparts, who rely only on textbooks.
- In one study, reading scores were consistently higher for 12 to 18-year olds who used newspapers alone or with textbooks. In some cases, scores increased by as much as four grade levels!
- Newspaper use seems to improve verbal interactions, student motivation and behavior, vocabulary development and writing skills.
- Overall, students in schools with at least some NIE programs did 10 percent better than students in schools that had no NIE programs.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.naa.org/foundation/nie.html>

SOL IMPROVEMENTS SEEN IN SCHOOLS THAT USE NEWSPAPERS



What **Virginia** **Educators** are saying about **NIE**

"Most importantly, I feel that the Newspaper in Education program helped our students demonstrate significant improvement on the Standards of Learning tests.....Working together, we will help our students achieve at ever-higher levels."

—**Dr. Deborah Jewell-Sherman**
Superintendent,
Richmond City Public Schools

"This has been a valuable resource for our Civics and Economics classes this year, often taking the place of a traditional textbook in our classes."

—**Neal Plumb**
Walton Middle School

"NIE offers classroom teachers motivational and support material with a fresh approach to integrating content area skills. NIE offers students an opportunity to develop and improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills—and a chance to shine. NIE is a powerful classroom tool. I love it!"

—**Pat Baker**
Mary Walter Elementary School

