Sky School Workshops Set

NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., is co-sponsoring two "Sky Schools," hands-on aeronautics programs designed for secondary school administrators, teachers and students.

Sky School is co-sponsored by the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, ABACUS Temporary Services and Old Dominion University and Langley Research Center. Langley assisted in the development of Sky School, and for the past two years has provided staffing support that includes an aerospace specialist, researchers, and technicians. Facility tours and briefings include visits to Langley Research Center, Hampton Roads Airport, and the Oceana Naval Base in Virginia Beach.

An "Administrator's Sky School," was held June 26-July 1 for educators from Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. It is hoped that these 26 administrators will begin to incorporate aeronautical activities in their school district curriculums next year.

Eighty students in grades 7 through 9, and 25 teachers from the Greater Hampton Roads Area will participate in the second Sky School scheduled for July 11-22. While the teachers develop new teaching skills and methods during the first week of the program, they will also be required during the second week to teach the students problem solving activities, under the careful supervision of program coordinators.

Focus for the Sky School curricula is hands-on activities, interdisciplinary
learning, writing and cooperative learning teams — all experienced through the high-flying topic of aeronautics. Activities include the construction of hot air balloons, models, gliders and airplanes, and other creative approaches to learning the principles of flight.

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