

## Graduation Requirements for Students Entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2016-2017 to 2017-2018

REQUIRED COURSES	Advanced Studies Diploma STANDARD units of credit	Advanced Studies Diploma VERIFIED units of credit	Standard Diploma STANDARD units of credit	Standard Diploma VERIFIED units of credit
<b>English:</b> 9, 10, 11, 12	4	2	4	2
<b>Mathematics:</b> 1. <b>Standard Diploma:</b> At least two different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II. 2. <b>Advanced Studies Diploma:</b> At least three different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II.	4	2	3	1
<b>Laboratory Science:</b> 1. <b>Standard Diploma:</b> At least two different science disciplines from among: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics. 2. <b>Advanced Studies Diploma:</b> At least three different science disciplines from among: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics; or completion of the sequence of science courses required for the International Baccalaureate Diploma.	4	2	3	1 <sup>#</sup>
<b>History and Social Sciences:</b> 1. <b>Standard Diploma:</b> Shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, and either World History and Geography I or World History and Geography II. 2. <b>Advanced Studies Diploma:</b> Shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, World History and Geography I, and World History and Geography II.	4	2	3	1 <sup>#</sup>
<b>Health and Physical Education:</b> 9, 10	2		2	
<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	1		1	
<b>World Language:</b> Shall include three years of one language or two years of two languages.	3			
<b>Fine Art or Career and Technical Education (CTE)</b>	1		1	
<b>World Language, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education</b>			1	
<b>Electives:</b> 1. <b>Standard Diploma Only:</b> Shall include at least two sequential electives.	3		4	
<b>Student Selected Test:</b>		1 <sup>^</sup>		1 <sup>#</sup>
<b>Total Credits Required:</b>	26	9	22	6

Additional Requirements for the **Advanced Diploma:** Virtual Course\* and First Aid/CPR/AED Training~  
 Additional Requirements for the **Standard Diploma:** Virtual Course\*, First Aid/CPR/AED Training~, and CTE Credential+

\* Students shall successfully complete one virtual course, which may be a noncredit-bearing course or elective credit bearing course that is offered online.

~ Students are required to be trained in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators, including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

+ Students shall earn a career and technical education credential approved by the Board that could include, but not be limited to, the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia Workplace Readiness Assessment.

# Students who complete a CTE program sequence and pass an examination or occupational competency assessment in a CTE field that confers certification or an occupational competency credential from a recognized industry, or trade or professional association, or acquires a professional license in a CTE field from the Commonwealth of Virginia may substitute the certification, competency credential, or license for (i) the student selected verified credit and (ii) either a science or history and social science verified credit when the certification, license, or credential confers more than one verified credit. The examination or occupational competency assessment must be approved by the Board as an additional test to verify student achievement.

<sup>^</sup> A student may utilize additional tests for earning verified credit in computer science, technology, career or technical education, economics, or other areas as prescribed by the Board in 8 VAC 20-131-110.