

Graduation Requirements for Students Entering 9th Grade in 2018-2019 and Beyond

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
English: 9, 10, 11, 12	4	2	4	2
Mathematics:				
1. Standard Diploma: At least two different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses as approved by the Board.	4	1	3	1
2. Advanced Studies Diploma: At least three different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II.				
Laboratory Science:				
1. Standard Diploma: At least two different science disciplines from among: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics.				
2. Advanced Studies Diploma: 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	1	3	1 [#]
History and Social Sciences:				
1. Standard Diploma: Shall include US/Virginia History, US/Virginia Government, and either World History/Geography I or World History/Geography II.				
2. Advanced Studies Diploma: Shall include US/Virginia History, US/Virginia Government, and World History/Geography I and World History/Geography II.	4	1	3	1 [#]
Health and Physical Education: 9, 10	2		2	
Economics and Personal Finance	1		1	
World Language: Shall include three years of one language or two years of two languages.	3			
Fine Art or Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1		1	
World Language, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education			1	
Electives: Shall include at least two sequential electives.	3		4	
Total Credits Required:	26	5	22	5

Additional Requirements: Virtual Course*, First Aid/CPR/AED Training~, and AP/HN/IB Course OR 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 either complete an Advanced Placement, honors, or International Baccalaureate course, or earn a CTE credential approved by the Board, except when a CTE credential in a particular subject area is not readily available or appropriate or does not adequately measure student competency, in which case the student shall receive satisfactory competency-based instruction in the subject area to satisfy the advanced studies or standard diploma requirements. The CTE credential, when required, could include the successful completion of an industry certification, state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), or the Virginia Workplace Readiness Assessment.

^ Students shall acquire and demonstrate foundational skills in critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and citizenship in accordance with the Profile of a Virginia Graduate approved by the Board.

Standard Diploma Only: 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 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 assessment must be approved by the Board as an additional test to verify student achievement.