

Special Education Graduation Requirements/Diploma Options

(VA Reg. 8 VAC 20-131-50 and 8 VAC 20-131-51)

The requirements for a student to earn a diploma shall be those in effect when the student **ENTERS grade 9 for the FIRST TIME**.

Students working towards either a Standard or Advanced diploma must earn the required number of standard and verified credits.

- **Standard credit** is earned when a student passes a course.*
- **Verified credit** is earned when a student passes a course **and** the associated end-of-course Standards of Learning (SOL) test.*

*In some cases, students may utilize additional courses, student competencies, or an appeal process to earn standard and/or verified credits. Eligible students with disabilities have the opportunity to use credit accommodations to earn a Standard Diploma. To access credit accommodations, students must be found eligible by the student's individualized education program (IEP) team or 504 knowledgeable committee. For more detailed information on diplomas, graduation requirements, and course planning options, go to the link based upon student's year of entry to the 9th grade.

First Time Ninth Graders: Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard (for students who entered 9th grade in the 2012-13 school year or prior) Diplomas	
Prior to 2011-12	https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqs201011.pdf https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqsModifiedDip201213orPrior.pdf
2011-12 & 2012-13	https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqs201112to201213.pdf https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqsModifiedDip201213orPrior.pdf
2013-14 & 2015-16	https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqs201314to201516.pdf
2016-17 & 2017-18	https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqs201617to201718.pdf
2018-19 & Beyond	https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AccessibleGradReqs201819andBeyond.pdf
APPLIED STUDIES DIPLOMA	<p>A student with disabilities who completes the requirements for his or her IEP and does not meet the requirements for other diplomas shall be awarded an Applied Studies Diploma.</p> <p>Access additional information on the Applied Studies Diploma from the Virginia Department of Education http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/applied_studies/index.shtml</p> <p>For additional questions, contact one of the following FCPS offices: Office of Special Education Instruction or Career and Transition Services</p>

FCPS RESOURCES

For more detailed information on diplomas, graduation requirements, and course planning options, go to: www.fcps.edu/diplomas

Office of Special Education Instruction: 571-423-4100

Due Process and Eligibility: 571-423-4470

School Counseling: 571-423-4420

Career and Transition Services: 571-423-4150