

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

| REQUIRED COURSES | Advanced Studies Diploma <u>STANDARD</u> units of credit | Advanced Studies Diploma <u>VERIFIED</u> units of credit | Standard Diploma <u>STANDARD</u> units of credit | Standard Diploma <u>VERIFIED</u> units of credit |
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| 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. 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. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 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 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, World History/Geography I, and World History/Geography II. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Health and Physical Education: 9, 10 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Economics and Personal Finance | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| World Language: Shall include three years of one language or two years of two languages. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fine Art or Career and Technical Education (CTE) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| World Language, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Electives: Shall include at least two sequential electives. | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Total Credits Required: | 26 | 5 | 22 | 5 |

Additional Requirements: Virtual Course²; First Aid/CPR/AED Training³; and AP/HN/IB/DE Course, High-Quality Work-Based Learning Experience OR CTE Credential⁴

¹ Standard Diploma Only: A laboratory science verified credit may be awarded to students who complete a career and technical education (CTE) program sequence and (i) pass two examinations or occupational competency assessments in a CTE field that confers certification or an occupational competency credential from a recognized industry, trade, or professional association; (ii) acquire two professional licenses in a CTE field from the Commonwealth of Virginia; or (iii) pass one examination or competency assessment from clause (i) and acquire one license from clause (ii). The examination or occupational competency assessment must be approved by the board as an additional test to verify student achievement.

² Students shall successfully complete one virtual course, which may be a noncredit-bearing course or elective credit bearing course that is offered online.

³ 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.

⁴ Students shall complete an Advanced Placement, honors, International Baccalaureate, or dual enrollment course; or complete a high-quality work-based learning experience, as established by Board guidance on work-based learning; or earn a career and technical education credential approved by the board, except when a career and technical education 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 diploma requirements. The career and technical education credential, when required, could include the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia workplace readiness assessment.