

# Graduation Requirements

## Modified Standard Diploma

Students Entering **9th Grade Through 2012-13**

Required Courses	Standard Units of Credit
<b>English</b> 9, 10, 11, 12	4
<b>Mathematics</b> – Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include three units of credit from among Algebra I, Part I; Algebra 1, Part 2; Geometry; personal finance, or higher.	3
<b>Laboratory Science</b> – Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include content from at least two of the following: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.	2
<b>History/Social Sciences</b> – Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include one unit of credit in U.S. and Virginia History and one unit of credit in U.S. and Virginia Government.	2
<b>Health/Physical Education:</b> 2 units of credit	2
<b>Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education:</b> 1 unit of credit	1
<b>Electives:</b> 6 units of credit Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include two sequential electives in the same manner as required for the Standard Diploma	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	20

Eligibility and participation in the Modified Standard Diploma program shall be determined by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team and the student, where appropriate, at any point after the student's eighth grade year. The student who has chosen to pursue a Modified Standard Diploma shall also be allowed to pursue the Standard Diploma, Standard Technical Diploma, Advanced Studies Diploma, or Advanced Technical Diploma at any time throughout the student's high school career.

Students pursuing the Modified Standard Diploma must pass the eighth grade SOL Tests in Math and English/Reading or achieve scores on these or on other tests as approved by the Board of Education.

**The Modified Standard Diploma will not be Available to Students Who Enter the 9th Grade in the 2013-14 School Year or Later.**

### Credit Accommodations

Students entering ninth grade for the first time in 2013-14 and beyond are eligible to pursue an Advanced Studies Diploma, Standard Diploma, or Special Diploma. These students who would have previously been candidates for the Modified Standard Diploma may use credit accommodations to earn the Standard Diploma if they meet the following eligibility requirements (i) the student has a current IEP or 504 plan with standards-based content goals; (ii) the student has a disability that precludes him or her from achieving and progressing commensurate with grade level expectation, but is learning grade level content; (iii) the student needs significant instructional supports to access grade level Standards of Learning (SOL) content and to show progress; and (iv) based on multiple objective measures of past performance, student might not be expected to achieve the required standard and verified

units of credit within the standard time frame. Credit accommodations shall be determined and documented by the student's IEP team or 504 plan committee, including the student where appropriate, at any point after the student's eighth grade year.

### Applied Studies Diploma

Courses Needed: Students with disabilities who complete the requirements of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and do not meet the requirements for other diplomas shall be awarded the Applied Studies Diploma.