

# Graduation Requirements

## Students Entering 9th Grade in 2018-19 and Beyond

Required Courses	Advanced Studies Diploma		Standard Diploma	
	Standard units of credit	Verified units of credit	Standard units of credit	Verified units of credit
<b>English</b> – 9, 10, 11, and 12	4	2 Writing and Reading	4	2 Writing and Reading
<b>Mathematics</b> – Courses shall include at least two different course selections from among Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra, Functions and Data Analysis; Algebra II; or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II (Standard Diploma) or at least three different course selections from among Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II (Advanced Studies Diploma).	4	1	3	1
<b>Laboratory Science</b> – Courses shall include at least two different course selections from among Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics or completion of the sequence of science courses required for the IB Diploma (Standard Diploma). The Advanced Studies Diploma requires at least three different course selections from among Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics or completion of the sequence of science courses required for the IB Diploma.	4	1	3	1
<b>History and Social Sciences</b> – Courses shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, and one (Standard Diploma) or both (Advanced Diploma) of the following: World History to 1500; World History from 1500; World Geography may be accepted as one of the required courses for the Advanced Studies diploma for transfer students.	4	1	3	1
<b>World Language Courses</b> – Courses shall include three years of one language or two years each of two languages.	3			
<b>Health/Physical Education I, II</b>	2		2	
<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	1		1	
<b>Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education</b>	1			
<b>World Language or Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education</b> – Credits earned shall include one credit in either world language or fine and performing arts or career and technical education.			2	
<b>Electives</b> – Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives (*Standard Diploma only).	3		4*	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	26	5	22	5
<b>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	Virtual Course for Credit or Non-Credit Career and Technical Education Credential OR One Advanced Course CPR/First Aid and AED Training			

Students who complete Advanced Placement, Cambridge, college-level, or courses required for the International Baccalaureate Diploma shall be deemed to have completed the requirements for graduation under these standards provided they have earned the standard units of credit and verified units of credit in accordance with the requirements of the Standard Diploma or Advanced Studies Diploma, or in the case of a complete International Baccalaureate Program, the number of verified credits required for an Advanced Studies Diploma.

\*\*Students must take and pass a career and technical education credentialing exam that has been approved by the Board of Education OR take one advanced course during their high school career. An advanced course can be defined as any weighted course or any course taken in preparation for weighted courses (eg. Pre-AP, Pre-IB, Pre-IGSCE). This may include an industry certification, state licensure examination, National Occupational Competency Assessment, or Virginia Workplace Readiness Skills Assessment.