

Advanced Diploma Requirements for Students Entering the 9th Grade in 2018-2019 and Beyond

| <i>Subject Area</i> | <i>Units of Credit</i> | <i>Verified Credit</i> | <i>Specifications</i> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| English | 4 | 2 | N/A |
| Mathematics | 4 | 1 | Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include at least three different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II. The board shall approve courses to satisfy this requirement. |
| Laboratory Science | 4 | 1 | Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least three different science disciplines from among: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. |
| History and Social Sciences | 4 | 1 | Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include Virginia and U.S. History, Virginia and U.S. Government, and two courses in either World History or Geography or both. |
| World Language | 3 | 0 | Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include three years of one language or two years of two languages. |
| Health and Physical Education | 2 | 0 | N/A |
| Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education | 1 | 0 | Per the Standards of Quality, a computer science course credit earned by students may be considered a career and technical credit. |
| Economics and Personal Finance | 1 | 0 | |
| Electives | 3 | | Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives as required by the Standards of Quality. |
| Total | 26 | 5 | |

Additional Requirements for Graduation:

- **Advanced Placement, Honors, or International Baccalaureate Course or Career and Technical Education Credential**
- **Virtual Learning** - Students shall successfully complete one virtual course, which may be a noncredit-bearing course, or may be a course required to earn this diploma that is offered online.
- **Training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED)**
- **Demonstration of the five Cs** - critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and citizenship