

**Advanced Diploma Requirements for Students Entering the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade BEFORE 18-19**

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Units of Credit</i>	<i>Verified Credit</i>	<i>Specifications</i>
English	4	2	N/A
Mathematics	4	2	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	2	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	2	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia 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 education course credit.
Economics and Personal Finance	1	0	N/A
Electives	3	0	N/A
Student Selected Test	0	1	A student may utilize additional tests for earning verified credit in computer science, technology, career or technical education, economics or other areas as prescribed by the board in 8VAC20-131-110.
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Additional Requirements for Graduation:*

- **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.
- **For students entering the ninth-grade class for the first time in 2016-2017 and beyond:** Students shall 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.