

Standard 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	
Mathematics	3	1	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra Functions and Data Analysis, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses approved by the board to satisfy this requirement.
Laboratory Science	3	1	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selection from at least two different science disciplines: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.
History and Social Sciences	3	1	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include Virginia and U.S. History, Virginia and U.S. Government, and one course in either World History or Geography or both.
Health and Physical Education	2	0	N/A
World Language, Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	2	0	Per the Standards of Quality, credits earned for this requirement shall include one credit in fine or performing arts or career and technical education. World Language may not be used for both credits.
Economics and Personal Finance	1	0	N/A
Electives	4	0	Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives as required by the Standards of Quality.
Total	22	5	N/A

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

Standard Diploma Requirements for Students Entering the 9th Grade in 2011-2012 to 2017-2018

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Units of Credit</i>	<i>Verified Credit</i>	<i>Specifications</i>
English	4	2	N/A
Mathematics	3	1	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement 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.
Laboratory Science	3	1	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least two different science disciplines: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.
History and Social Sciences	3	1	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, and one course in either World History or Geography or both.
Health and Physical Education	2	0	N/A
World Language, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education	2	0	Credits earned for this requirement shall include one credit in fine or performing arts or career and technical education. World Language may not be used for both credits.
Economics and Personal Finance	1	0	N/A
Electives	4	0	Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives as required by the Standards of Quality.
Student Selected Test	0	1	A student may utilize additional tests for earning verified credit in computer science, technology, career and technical education, economics or other areas as prescribed by the board in 8VAC20-131-110.
Total	22	6	

Additional Requirements for Graduation:

- **Students shall earn a 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.
- **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.

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	

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- **Training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED)**
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Advanced Diploma Requirements for Students Entering the 9th Grade in 2011-2012 to 2017-2018

<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.
Total	26	9	N/A

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