

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Discipline Area	Standard Credits 9 th grade classes of 2011-12 -> 2012-13 (Class of 2016)	Standard Credits 9 th grade class of 2013-14 -> 2015-16 (Class of 2017-2019)	Verified Credits (SOLs)
English	4	4	2
Math (note 1)	4	4	2
Laboratory Science (note 2)	4	4	2
History & Social Sciences (note 3)	4	4	2
Foreign Languages (note 4)	3	3	
Health & Physical Education	2	2	
Fine Arts or Career & Tech Education	1	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	1	
Electives	3	3	
Student Selected Test (note 5 and 6)			1
		Must successfully complete one virtual course	
Total	26	26	9

NOTE 1: The Advanced Studies Diploma requires that math classes shall include at least three course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other math courses above the level of Algebra II. **Effective with the 2010-11 academic year and beyond:** Alg. I Pt. 1 and Geometry Pt. 1 will count as an elective credit **only**, not as a math credit required for graduation. Alg. I Pt. 2 (or Algebra I) is the first math credit that counts towards graduation.

NOTE 2: The Advanced Studies Diploma requires that science courses shall include course selections from at least three different science disciplines: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics.

NOTE 3: The Advanced Studies Diploma requires that social studies courses shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, and two courses in either world history or geography or both.

NOTE 4: The Advanced Studies Diploma requires three years of one language or two years of two languages

NOTE 5: The Advanced Studies Diploma requires students to pass two (2) end-of-course tests in English, two (2) in math, two (2) in science, two (2) in social studies, and one (1) from any area for a total of nine (9) verified credits.

NOTE 6: A student may utilize additional tests for earning the Student Selected verified credit in computer science, technology, career and technical education, economics or other areas as prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education.