

STANDARD 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)	3	3	1
Laboratory Science (notes 2 and 6)	3	3	1
History & Social Sciences (notes 3 and 6)	3	3	1
Health & Physical Education	2	2	
Foreign Language, Fine Arts or Career & Tech Education (note 7)	2	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	1	
Electives (note 4)	4	4	
Student Selected Test (notes 5 and 6)			1
		Must successfully complete one virtual course	
		Must earn a career & technical credential	
Total	22	22	6

NOTE 1: The Standard Diploma requires that math classes shall include at least two course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra Functions and Data Analysis, 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. Computer Math may be used to satisfy Standard Diploma requirements if the student also completes a career and technical concentration.

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

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

NOTE 4: The Standard Diploma requires students to complete at least two sequential electives leading to further education or preparation for employment.

NOTE 5: The Standard Diploma requires students to pass two (2) end-of-course tests in English, one (1) in math, one (1) in science, one (1) in social studies, and one (1) from any area for a total of six (6) verified credits.

NOTE 6: Students who complete a CTE sequence and pass a certification/licensure exam may substitute the certification/license for the student selected verified credit and either a science or history and social sciences verified credit when the certification/license confers more than one verified credit.

NOTE 7: Effective with the 2011-2012 academic year and beyond: Credits earned for this requirement shall include one credit in fine or performing arts or career and technical education.