ENGLISH TEST FOR CREDIT (GRADES 9 & 10)

The English Test for Credit (ETC) is an alternative path to earn English credit and fulfill the English graduation requirements for students with international transcripts. To graduate from high school, the state of Virginia requires that students earn 4 standard English credits, 1 Verified Credit in reading, and 1 Verified Credit in writing.

ENGLISH 9

The English 9 Test for Credit contains a reading and a writing component. The reading component consists of three passages and 25 multiple-choice questions. Students will have to read one fiction and two non-fiction passages and then answer questions about each.

As part of the writing component, students will be given a choice of three prompts. Students will have to choose one and write an essay in response to the prompt they have chosen. Students must identify the main idea, explain their position, and support their ideas. *

ENGLISH 10

The English 10 Test for Credit contains a reading and a writing component. The reading component consists of three passages and 22 multiple-choice questions. Students will have to read one fiction and two non-fiction passages and then answer questions about each.

As part of the writing component, students will be given a choice of three prompts. Students will have to choose one and write an essay in response to the prompt they have chosen. Students must identify the main idea, explain their position, and support their ideas. Additionally, depending on the prompt chosen, students will also need to analyze or persuade. *

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Who is eligible to take the English Test for Credit (ETC)?
   Students who have an English course(s) listed on their international high school transcript with a passing grade and students who are eligible for English Language (EL) services. **

2. How do I make an appointment to take the test?
   We will schedule your appointment before you leave the Welcome Center today. However, if you have follow-up questions or need to reschedule, call 571-252-1680.

3. If I pass the test, what grade will I earn?
   Students earn the grade that is listed on their international high school transcript.

4. Is the test timed?
   No, students may take as long as they need to complete the test.

*Students should include an introduction, supporting details and a conclusion when writing their essay. Students will be evaluated on both composition and usage/mechanics.

**The English Test for Credit (ETC) is available to all students that meet the criteria listed above but recommended for students with an overall EL proficiency level of 3.0 or higher.