



VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TYPES

Virginia offers the following types of high school diplomas – Standard and Advanced Studies. Both diplomas allow students to attend college or university, enter internship programs, enter the workforce, or enter military service. The Applied Studies diploma is an option available to identified students.**

Standard Diploma Requirements:

Subject Area	Required Number of Credits	Verified Credits (SOL)
English	4 credits	2
Mathematics	3 credits	1
Laboratory Science	3 credits	1
History & Social Science	3 credits	1
Health & Physical Education	2 credits	
Foreign Language, Fine Arts, or Career & Tech Ed	2 credits <i>(At least 1 credit must be in Fine Art/CTE)</i>	
Economics & Personal Finance	1 credit	
Electives	4 credits*	
Total (minimum credit number)	22 credits	5 credits

Advanced Studies Diploma Requirements:

Subject Area	Required Number of Credits	Verified Credits (SOL)
English	4 credits	2
Mathematics	4 credits	1
Laboratory Science	4 credits	1
History & Social Science	4 credits	1
Health & Physical Education	2 credits	
Foreign Language	3 years of one language, or 2 years of 2 languages	
Fine Arts or Career & Tech Ed	1 credit	
Economics & Personal Finance	1 credit	
Electives	3 credits*	
Total (minimum credit number)	26 credits	5 credits

STANDARD & ADVANCED DIPLOMA ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- *At least 2 elective credits must be sequential (example: Art 1 & Art 2).
- Students must complete 1 virtual course (typically completed by Personal Finance)
- Students must take an Honors/AP/DE or earn an approved Career & Tech Ed Credential
- Students must receive training in emergency first aid, CPR, and AED use
- Students must pass 5 Verified Credits

** *The Applied Studies Diploma is a diploma option available to students identified as having a disability who complete the requirements of their individualized education programs (IEPs) and meet certain requirements prescribed by the Board of Education pursuant to regulations, but do not meet the requirements for any named diploma.*