

# Diploma Options



# • Important terms

## Standard Unit of Credit

Awarded for successfully completing a course

## Verified Credits

Awarded when the student achieves a passing score on the associated SOL test

## FAPE

Free Appropriate Public Education

All qualified students with a disability are entitled to FAPE

# • Important Terms

## Virtual Course

A class that is delivered virtually through an electronic device such as a computer.

## CTE

A career & technical education credential (CTE) is a credit that is earned in courses that assists students in exploring & gaining knowledge in career skills that can be used within the workplace.

# Choosing a diploma: Questions for Students



Where do you see yourself after high school?

Which diploma will help you achieve your goals?

Who can assist you?



# Choosing a diploma: Questions for Parents/Youth Allies



What are your hopes for your student?

Which diploma will assist your student in reaching those goals?

Who can assist your student in reaching that goal?

# • Three Diploma Options

**Advanced Studies**

**Standard**

**Applied Studies**

**Modified Standard**



# • Advanced Studies Diploma



**26 Standard Units of Credit**

**9 Verified Credits**

- Competitive 4 year colleges such as UVA and VA Tech
- No FAPE after graduation



# Standard Unit of Credits

<b>Subject/ Discipline Area</b>	<b>Number of Standard Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Laboratory Science</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>History and Social Sciences</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Foreign Languages</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education Credit</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>



# Verified Credits

<b>Subject/Discipline Area</b>	<b>Verified Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Laboratory Science</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>History and Social Sciences</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Student Selected Test</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

# • Standard Diploma



## 22 Standard Units of Credit 6 Verified Credits

- Attending 2-year and some 4-year colleges
- Entering Specific Trade/ Apprenticeship Programs
- No FAPE after graduation

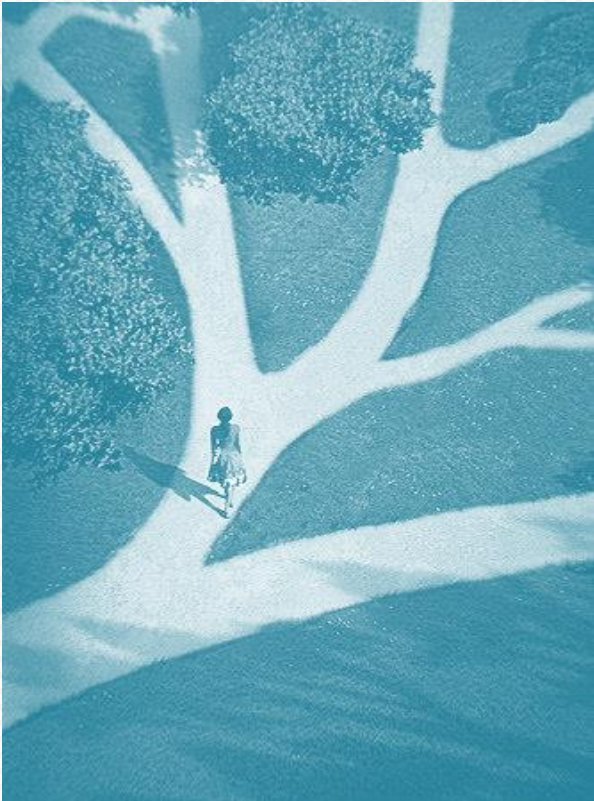
# Standard Unit of Credits

<b>Subject/Discipline Area</b>	<b>Standard Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Laboratory Science</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Foreign Language, Fine Arts or Career &amp; Technical Education</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

# Verified Credits

<b>Subject/Disciplinary Area</b>	<b>Verified Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Laboratory Science</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Student Selected Test</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

# • Credit Accommodations



Credit accommodations provide alternative pathways for students in earning standard and verified credits required to graduate with a Standard Diploma.

## Credit Accommodations at a Glance

Accommodation	AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS	STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (IEP and 504) WHO QUALIFY FOR CREDIT ACCOMMODATIONS
Alternative Assessments	N/A	VMAST (EOC Algebra I and English Reading)
Locally Awarded Verified Credit	Science and History/Social Sciences	Math and EOC English Reading and Writing
Economics and Personal Finance	Economics and Personal Finance (6120)	Personal Living and Finances (3120) substitutes for Economics and Personal Finance (6120) <i>(must have earned 3 standard credits in History/Social Sciences)</i>
Courses Taught in 2 Parts	1 elective credit and 1 standard credit	2 standard credits for <u>first</u> sequence in a content area.**

\*\* Example: Algebra I Part 1 = 1 standard credit; Algebra I Part 2 = 1 standard credit  
 Geometry 1 Part 1 = 1 elective credit; Geometry I Part 2 = 1 standard credit

# • Other Requirements



## Advanced Studies Diploma

- Complete 1 virtual course
- First Aid, CPR, AED use



## Standard Diploma

- Complete 1 virtual course
- Earn a career & technical education credit
- First Aid, CPR, AED use

# • Modified Standard Diploma



## 20 Standard Units of Credit 0 Verified Credits

- Attending a 2-year or 4-year college may not be possible other than a specialized program; lack of financial aid
- Entering Specific Trade/ Apprenticeship Programs may not be possible except through Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center
- FAPE continues through 21<sup>st</sup> birthday



# Standard Unit of Credits

<b>Subject/Discipline Area</b>	<b>Standard Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Laboratory Science</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Fine Arts or Career &amp; Technical Education</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	
<b>Electives</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

# Verified Credits

<b>Subject/Disciplinary Area</b>	<b>Verified Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Laboratory Science</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Student Selected Test</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

# • Applied Studies Diploma



- Students who complete the requirements of their IEPs
- Do not meet the requirements for other diplomas
- Receive services thru age 21

# • Who is my social capital?

**School  
Counselor**

**Special  
Educator**

**General  
Education  
Teacher**

**Parent or  
Guardian**

# • Family social capital

**Parent  
Educational  
Advocacy  
Training Center**

**Members of  
the IEP/504  
team**

**Local Parent  
Resource  
Center**

**VDOE'S Parent  
Ombudsman**

# GRADUATION



[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special\\_ed/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/index.shtml)

# Profile of a Virginia Graduate

<http://doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/profile-grad/index.shtml>

**NOT PASSED BY THE VA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

- **Academic and Career Plan Portfolio (ACPP)-Elementary School**
  - **Will assist with the development of the Academic and Career Plan (ACP).**
- **Career Exploration course in Middle School**
- **Standard Credits- local flexibility - or not**
- **4 Assessments**
  - **State Exam-Math, English ( 2 verified credits)**
  - **Science and History /Social Science (2 verified credits)**
    - **SOL**
    - **Locally developed**



# QUESTIONS