

# INSTRUCTION

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## HOMEBOUND, CORRESPONDENCE AND ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF INSTRUCTION

The School Board shall maintain a program of homebound instruction for students who are confined at home or in a health care facility for periods that would prevent normal school attendance based upon certification of need by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or licensed clinical psychologist.

Credit for the work shall be awarded when it is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, or other appropriately credentialed personnel, employed by the Board, and there is evidence that the instructional time requirements or alternative means of awarding credit adopted by the School Board have been met.

### Correspondence Courses

Students who enroll in high school as freshmen before July 1, 2018, as sophomores before July 1, 2019, as juniors before July 1, 2020 or as seniors before July 1, 2021 may enroll in and receive a standard and verified unit of credit for supervised correspondence courses with prior approval of the principal. Standard units of credit will be awarded for the successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, approved by the local school board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has passed the SOL test associated with the correspondence course completed. The division superintendent will develop regulations governing this method of instruction in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Education.

### Instruction through Alternative Technological Means

Standard units of credit will be awarded for the successful completion of courses delivered through emerging technologies and other similar means when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, and approved by the School Board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has successfully completed the requirements and passed the SOL test associated with the course. The Superintendent will develop regulations governing this method of delivery of instruction in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Education.

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Cross Reference: IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs  
IKFD Alternative Paths to Attaining Standard Units of Credit

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