

LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDIT

General Provisions

1. A student may be awarded no more than four locally verified credits through this process for Science and Social Studies.  
  
In addition, students with a current IEP or 504 plan may also be awarded verified credits in reading, writing, and mathematics if the criteria below are met
2. These procedures may not be used to award verified credits toward meeting the requirements for the Advanced Diploma.
3. The award of verified credits under these procedures will have no effect on a school's accreditation rating.

1. Any student may earn a locally verified credit in the areas of science or social studies if he/she meets the following criteria:
  - A. Passed the high school courses and not passed the related Standards of Learning test,
  - B. Taken the Standards of Learning test at least twice;
  - C. Scored within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the associated Standards of Learning test; and
  - D. Demonstrated achievement in the academic content by meeting additional achievement criteria specified by the appeal process.

2. Students with Disabilities

In addition to the above criteria, the student:

- A. must have a current IEP or 504 plan with standards-based content goals
- B. must have a disability that precludes him or her from achieving and progressing commensurate with grade level expectations,
- C. needs significant supports to access grade level Standards of Learning (SOL) content and to show progress.
- D. might not be expected to achieve the required standard and verified units of credit within the standard time frame.

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2. The School Board will appoint a Local Review Panel comprised of:
  - The Director of Student Services and Achievement (DDOT),
  - The School Testing Coordinator (STC),
  - The Chairperson of Guidance, and
  - The Department Chairperson for the Associated Course.
  
3. The Local Review Panel shall review evidence of the student's achievement of adequate knowledge of the associated Standards of Learning content. The panel shall have discretion in determining the information to be considered and may include, but not be limited to, results of classroom assessments, division-wide exams, course grades, and additional academic assignments (e.g., papers, projects, essay or written questions) as deemed appropriate.
  
4. Based on the evidence reviewed, the Local Review Panel may:
  - A. award the verified credit,
  - B. deny the verified credit,
  - C. suggest participation in a remedial program and retesting, or
  - D. make additional academic assignments prior to determining whether to award the verified credit.
  
5. The decision of the Local Review Panel shall be final.
  
6. A copy of the Locally Verified Credit Committee Decision will be filed in the student's scholastic record.

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Legal References: 8 VAC 20-131-110 B 3

Superintendent's Memoranda No. 36 (March 3, 2000) and No. 39 (February 20, 2004).

*Guidelines for Local School Boards to Award Verified Credits for The Standard Diploma to Transition Students* (Attachment to Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo No. 52 (Aug 9, 2002), as amended by the Board of Education October 25, 2006.

Proposed Emergency Regulations 8 VAC 20-131-5, 8 VAC 20-131-50 (Virginia Register of Regulations May 6, 2013)

Guidelines for Standard Diploma Credit Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (Virginia Department of Education March 28, 2013) (attachment to Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo No. 105-13 (Apr. 19, 2013)).