





Graduation Requirements

An Introduction for Parents/Guardians



Standard and Advanced Studies Diplomas


Information about the IB Diploma Program and the IB Career Program will be given at Advanced Academics Night on January 5th.



Standard Diploma

22 credits


Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Laboratory Science	3	1
History and Social Sciences	4	1
Health and Physical Education	2	
World Language, Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Test		1
Career and Technical Education Credential		
Total Credits	22	6



Advanced Studies Diploma


26 credits

Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	2
Laboratory Science	4	2
History and Social Sciences	4	2
World Language	3	
Health and Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Test		1
Total Credits	26	9




What's the difference between a standard and verified credit?


- Standard Credit: take and pass the class
- Verified Credit: take and pass the class PLUS the associated SOL
 - Not all classes have an SOL
 - In some cases, students may utilize substitute tests or certifications to earn verified credits.



Recent changes



- Increased number of credits needed for graduation
- Addition of the Economics and Personal Finance (EPF) course
- Career and Technical Education Credential for the Standard Diploma is **new for the Class of 2017 and beyond**



Sample 9th Grade Schedule

1. English 9 (Reg or Honors)
2. Biology (Reg or Honors)
3. Math (Alg, Geom, Alg 2)
4. Social Studies (WH1 or WH2 Hn)
5. Health and PE 9
6. World Language/Elective
7. Elective

Sample 10th Grade Schedule

1. English 10 (Reg or Honors)
2. Chemistry (Reg or IB)
3. Math (Geom, Alg 2, Precalc, IB)
4. Social Studies (WH2, AP Gov or Gov Hn)
5. Health and PE 10
6. World Language/Elective
7. Elective



Sample 11th Grade Schedule

1. English 11 (Reg. HN, or IB)
2. Physics/Geosystems (Reg or HN, IB)
3. Math (Alg 2, Precalc, IB Math)
4. Social Studies (USVA, IB HOA)
5. World Language/Elective
6. Econ and Pers. Finance/Elective
7. Elective

Sample 12th Grade Schedule

1. English 12 (Reg, DE, IB)
2. Science (Reg, IB, DE)
3. Math (Prob Stat, Precalc, IB Math)
4. Social Studies (Gov, Gov HN, DE, IB)
5. World Language/Elective
6. Econ and Pers. Finance/Elective
7. Elective



Community Service/Service Learning

- How much community service is required for graduation?
 - None. **The Board of Education's Seal for Excellence in Civics Education** will be awarded to students who earn a Standard, Advanced Studies, or Modified Standard Diploma and:
complete Virginia and United States History and Virginia and United States Government courses with a grade of B or higher and have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies and, complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities.
 - **National Honor Society:** 32 hours are required by graduation and must be approved by the sponsors. Questions? Ask Mr. Schlosser at jkschlosser@fcps.edu
 - **Math Honor Society:** 10 hours of tutoring during SS
 - **World Language Honor Societies:** 10 hours per year
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