

LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

Generally

The Albemarle County School Board awards verified credits ~~in English, mathematics, science and history and social science~~ in accordance with Virginia law and Virginia Board of Education regulations ~~and guidance~~.

~~To be eligible to earn locally awarded verified credits, a student must:~~

- ~~• Pass the high school course and not pass the related Standards of Learning test;~~
- ~~• Take the Standards of Learning test at least twice;~~
- ~~• Score within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the Standards of Learning test; and~~
- ~~• Demonstrate achievement in the academic content through the appeal process described below.~~

~~Locally Awarded Verified Credits as Credit Accommodations~~

~~— In addition to verified credits in science and history/social sciences, the School Board may also award verified credits toward a standard diploma in reading, writing and mathematics to students with disabilities as credit accommodations for the standard diploma. To be eligible for such locally awarded verified credits as credit accommodations, students with disabilities must meet all criteria established by Virginia law or regulation and eligibility for such credit accommodations must be established in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 plan. ~~There is no maximum number of locally awarded verified credits that a student with a disability may earn toward a standard diploma.~~~~

Review Panels~~Appeal Process~~

The Superintendent/Designee ~~shall~~ appoints a review panels comprised of at least three educators to consider evidence of the student's achievement. Different panels may be appointed for individual schools or groups of schools.

The review panel ~~will~~ reviews information which provides evidence of the student's achievement of adequate knowledge of the Standards of Learning content. The panel ~~has~~ will have discretion in determining the information it ~~considers~~ will consider. That information may include, but is not limited to, results of classroom assessments, division-wide exams, course grades and additional academic assignments (e.g. papers, projects. Essays or written questions) as the panel deems appropriate.

Based on the evidence it reviews, the review panel may:

- Award the verified credit,
- Deny the verified credit,
- Suggest participation in a remedial program and retesting, or

- Make additional academic assignments prior to determining whether to award the verified credit.

The decision of the review panel ~~is~~ will be final.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:3.

~~8 VAC 20-131-5~~

~~8 VAC 20-131-50~~

~~8 VAC 20-131-110~~

~~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 (April 19, 2013))~~

~~Additional Guidance on Credit Accommodations for Students with Disabilities July 2013 (Attachment A to Superintendent's Memo No. 191-13 issued Jul 26, 2013)~~

~~Guidance Document Governing Certain Provisions of the Regulation Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia 8 VAC 20-131 (as amended by the Board of Education January 13, 2011).~~

Revised Guidance Governing the Use of Locally-Awarded Verified Credits (Virginia Department of Education May 11, 2018) (attachment to Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo No. 130-18 (May 11, 2018)).