

2021–22 Frederick County Public Schools Graduation Requirements—At-A-Glance

Students Entering the Ninth Grade Prior to 2018–19		
Standard Diploma		
Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
History & Social Sciences	4	1
Math	3	1
Science	3	1
Health/P.E.	2	
World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE	2	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Test		1
TOTAL	22	6

Students Entering the Ninth Grade for the First Time in 2018–19		
Standard Diploma		
Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
History & Social Sciences	4	1
Math	3	1
Science	3	1
Health/P.E.	2	
World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE (2 sequential)	2	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
TOTAL	22	5

Advanced Studies Diplomas		
Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
History & Social Sciences	4	2
Math	4	2
Science	4	2
Health/P.E.	2	
World Language <i>Three years of one language, or two years of two languages</i>	3	
Fine Arts or CTE	1	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Test		1
TOTAL	26	9

Advanced Studies Diplomas		
Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
History & Social Sciences	4	1
Math	4	1
Science	4	1
Health/P.E.	2	
World Language <i>Three years of one language, or two years of two languages</i>	3	
Fine Arts or CTE	1	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
TOTAL	26	5

◆ Applied Studies Diploma: This diploma is reserved for students with disabilities whose IEP team has determined that this is an appropriate diploma based on the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

New Requirements

1. A waiver on the cap of locally-awarded verified credits that can be earned and a waiver of the requirement to attempt an SOL EOC test twice, scoring within the 375–399 range, exists for:
 - Students who were enrolled in a verified credit eligible course in the spring or summer of 2020.
 - Students who were seeking one verified credit in the Spring 2020, received remediation for that credit, and were scheduled to retake the corresponding SOL EOC test in the spring of 2020.
2. For those students graduating in the 2021–2022 or 2022–2023 school years, a World Language course may be used as one of the two required sequential electives while also being used as one of the courses to meet the World Language requirement for the Advanced Studies diploma or the World Language/Fine Arts/CTE requirement for the Standard diploma.
3. For all students, a fine arts or career and technical education (CTE) course may be used as one of the two required sequential electives while also being used as one of the courses to meet the Fine Arts/CTE requirement for the Advanced Studies diploma or the World Language/Fine Arts/CTE requirement for the Standard diploma. This reincorporates CTE courses as an option for partial satisfaction.
4. For all students, certain two-credit courses can fulfill the sequential elective requirement.

Additional Requirements for Graduation

- **AP, Honors, IB, Dual Enrollment, Work-Based Learning, or CTE Credential**—Students shall (i) complete an Advanced Placement, honors, International Baccalaureate, or dual enrollment course; or (ii) complete a high-quality work-based learning experience, as established by Board guidance on work-based learning; or (iii) earn a career and technical education credential approved by the board, except when a career and technical education credential in a particular subject area is not readily available or appropriate or does not adequately measure student competency, in which case the student shall receive satisfactory competency-based instruction in the subject area to satisfy the advanced studies diploma requirements. The career and technical education credential, when required, could include the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia workplace readiness assessment.
- **Virtual Course**—Students shall successfully complete one virtual course, which may be a non-credit-bearing course or a required or elective credit-bearing course that is offered online. Guidance on this requirement is provided in the Guidance Document Governing Certain Provisions of the SOA (8VAC20-131) (Word).
- **First Aid, CPR, and AED Training**—Students shall be trained in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED), including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Students with an IEP or 504 Plan that documents that they cannot successfully complete this training shall be granted a waiver from this graduation requirement, as provided in 8VAC20-131-420 [This link takes you out of the Virginia Department of Education website \(B\)](#).
- **Demonstration of the 5 C's**—In accordance with the Profile of a Virginia Graduate, students shall acquire and demonstrate foundational skills in Virginia's 5 C's [This link takes you out of the Virginia Department of Education website: critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and citizenship](#).

Adopted from: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/standard.shtml>

The information above is truly “at a glance” and each student will need to be looked at carefully for all of the special situations. Information in this document may change at any time as per VDOE communication is received.