

LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

The Albemarle County School Board ~~shall~~ awards verified credits in science and history/social sciences ~~to students entering ninth grade for the first time in school years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, or 2002-2003~~ in accordance with this policy.

No student may earn more than four locally awarded verified credits.

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

- ~~Enter the ninth grade for the first time in school years 2000-2001, or thereafter;~~
- 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 ~~following~~ appeal process described below.

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 credit accommodations, students with disabilities must meet all criteria established by Virginia law or regulation.

Appeal Process

The Superintendent/Designee shall appoint a review panel comprised of at least three educators.

The ~~local~~ review panel will review information which provides evidence of the student's achievement of adequate knowledge of the Standards of Learning content. The panel will have discretion in determining the information it will consider.

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

- Award the verified credit,
- Deny the verified credit,
- Require 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 ~~local~~ review panel may be appealed to the Superintendent/Designee.

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Legal Refs.: 8 VAC 20-131-110.B.3

[Proposed Emergency Regulations 8VAC 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 \(April 19, 2013\)\)](#)

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.