

Additional graduation requirements for the freshman class of 2018 and beyond.

Demonstration of the 5 Cs
Students shall acquire and demonstrate foundational skills in critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and citizenship in accordance with the Profile of a Virginia Graduate approved by the board.

Advanced Placement, Honors, or International Baccalaureate Course or Career and Technical Education Credential
In accordance with the Standards of Quality, students shall either (i) complete an Advanced Placement, honors, or International Baccalaureate course, or (ii) 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 standard 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.

Career Investigations:
6th graders and beyond, students will receive an online platform (Major Clarity) to explore careers and begin development of an academic and career plan.

GRADUATION (DIPLOMA) SEALS OF ACHIEVEMENT

ADVANCED MATHEMATICS AND TECHNOLOGY SEAL will be awarded to students who earn either a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma, satisfy all of the mathematics requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma with a "B" average or better, and either (a) pass an examination in a career and technical education field that confers certification, or (b) acquire a professional license in a career and technical education field, or (c) pass an examination approved by the Board that confers college-level credit in a technology or computer science area. Available for students entering high school prior to 2018-2019.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAL OF BILITERACY will be awarded to students who earn a Board of Education approved diploma and (i) pass all required End-of-Course Assessments in English, reading, and writing at the proficient or higher level; and (ii) be proficient at the intermediate-mid level or higher in one or more languages other than English, as demonstrated through an assessment from a list to be approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This assessment is at the student's expense.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAL will be awarded to students who complete the requirements for Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma with an average grade of "A".

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SEAL will be awarded to students who earn either a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma, complete a prescribed sequence of courses in a career and technical education concentration, and (a) maintain a "B" or better average in each course, or (b) pass an examination in a career and technical education concentration, or (c) acquire a professional license in a career and technical education field from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CTE CREDENTIAL beginning with graduating class of 2017, students must earn board approved CTE credential.

EXCELLENCE IN CIVICS EDUCATION SEAL will be awarded to students who meet each of the following four criteria: 1) Satisfy the requirement to earn a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma; AND 2) Complete Virginia and United States History and Virginia and United States Government courses with a grade of "B" or higher in each course; 3) Complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities related to civics AND 4) Have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies.

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT SEAL is awarded to students who enter the **ninth grade for the first time in the 2018-19** year and thereafter, and meet the following criteria: 1) Earn a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma; 2) Complete at least three first-level board-approved laboratory science courses and at least one rigorous advanced-level or postsecondary-level laboratory science course, each with a grade of "B" or higher; 3) Complete laboratory or field-science research and present that research in a formal, juried setting; 4) Complete at least 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities that involve the application of science such as environmental monitoring, protection, management, or restoration.

GOVERNOR'S SEAL will be awarded to students who complete the requirements for an Advanced Studies Diploma with an average grade of "B" or better, and successfully complete college-level coursework that will earn nine transferable college credits (2 AP, 2 dual, or 1 AP and 1 dual).

STEM SEAL shall be awarded to students who earn either a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma and satisfy all Math and Science requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma with a "B" average or better in all coursework, and successfully complete more than 50 hours or more work-based learning opportunity in a STEM area, and satisfy all requirements for a Career and Technical Education concentration (A concentration is a coherent sequence of two or more state-approved courses as identified in the course listing within the [CTE Administrative Planning Guide](#), and pass one of the following: a Board of Education CTE STEM-H credential examination, or an examination approved by the Board that confers a college-level credit in a STEM field.