

Waynesboro Public Schools
LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

1. A student may earn a locally verified credit in the areas of science or social studies if he/she meets the following criteria:
 - a. Entered the ninth grade for the first time in school years 2000-2001 or thereafter,
 - b. Passed the high school courses and not passed the related Standards of Learning test,
 - c. Taken the Standards of Learning test at least twice;
 - d. Scored within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the associated Standards of Learning test; and
 - e. Demonstrated achievement in the academic content by meeting additional achievement criteria specified by the appeal process.
2. The School Board will appoint a Local Review Panel comprised of:
 - The Division Director of Testing
 - Director of Student Services,
 - The School Testing Coordinator (STC), and
 - A High School Guidance Counselor
3. The Local Review Panel shall review evidence of the student's achievement of adequate knowledge of the associated Standards of Learning content. The panel shall have discretion in determining the information to be considered and may include, but not be limited to, results of classroom assessments, division-wide exams, course grades, and additional academic assignments (e.g., papers, projects, essay or written questions) as deemed appropriate.
4. Based on the evidence reviewed, the Local Review Panel may:
 - Student should attend additional remediation and retest
 - Student should complete additional academic assignments and provide required documentation
 - Student should attend additional remediation and provide appropriate documentation
 - Student is awarded Locally Verified Credit for the appropriate course Student has been denied the Locally Verified Credit
5. The decision of the Local Review Panel shall be final.
6. A copy of the Locally Verified Credit Committee Decision will be filed in the student's scholastic record.
7. The award of a Locally Verified Credit will be certified by the principal and the superintendent.

8. Additional provisions for awarding Locally Verified Credits include the following:
- a. These procedures may not be used to award verified credits toward meeting the requirements for the Advanced Diploma.
 - b. The award of verified credits under these procedures will have no effect on a school's accreditation rating.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended,
Sections 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-253.13:3, 22.1-253.13:4,
22.1-254 (D), 22.1-254.2.
8 VAC 20-131-10
8 VAC 20-131-30
8 VAC 20-131-110 B.3,
8 VAC 20-360-10
8 VAC 20-360-20
8 VAC 20-680-10
8 VAC 20-680-20

Proposed Emergency Regulations 8 VAC 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 (Apr. 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.