

**Advanced Studies Diploma Course Requirements (8VAC20-131-51) for Students Entering the Ninth Grade  
for the First Time in 2018-2019 and Beyond**

Subject Area	Credits	Specifications
English	4	N/A
Mathematics	4	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include at least three different course selections from among: algebra I, geometry, algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of algebra II. The board shall approve courses to satisfy this requirement. Per the Standards of Quality, a computer science course credit earned by students may be considered a mathematics course credit.
Laboratory Science	4	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least three different science disciplines from among: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics <b>or completion of the sequence of science courses required for the International Baccalaureate Diploma</b> and shall include interdisciplinary courses that incorporate Standards of Learning content from multiple academic areas. The board shall approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement. Per the Standards of Quality, a computer science course credit earned by students may be considered a science course credit.
History and Social Sciences	4	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include Virginia and U.S. history, Virginia and U.S. government, and two courses in either world history or geography or both. The board shall approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.
World Language	3	Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include three years of one language or two years of two languages.
Health and Physical Education	2	N/A
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed	1	Per the Standards of Quality, a computer science course credit earned by students may be considered a career and technical credit.
Economics & Personal Finance	1	N/A
Electives	3	Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives as required by the Standards of Quality.
Total Credits	26	N/A

