

## LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

### Generally

The Gloucester County School Board awards verified credits toward a standard diploma in science and history/social sciences in accordance with this policy.

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

- 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 appeal process described below.

### Locally Awarded Verified Credits as Credit Accommodations

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 and eligibility for such credit accommodations must be established in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan. There is no maximum number of locally awarded verified credits that a student with a disability may earn toward a standard diploma.

### Appeal Process

The Gloucester County School Board shall appoint a review panel comprised of at least three educators. Different panels may be appointed for individual schools or groups of schools.

The 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. That information may include, but is not limited to, results of classroom assignments, division-wide exams, course grades, and additional academic assignments (e.g. papers, projects, essays or written questions) as the panel deems appropriate.

Based on the review of evidence, the review panel may:

- award the verified credit,
- deny the verified credit,
- suggest 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 review panel may be appealed to the School Board in accordance with regulations developed by the Board.

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**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

8 VAC 20-131-5.

8 VAC 20-131-50.

8 VAC 20-131-100.

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)).

Additional Guidance on Credit Accommodations for Students with Disabilities July 2013 (Attachment A to Superintendent's Memo No. 191-13 issued July 26, 2013) the Virginia ).

Guidance Document Governing Certain Provisions of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia 8 VAC 20-131 (as amended by the Board of Education January 13, 2011).