

LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

The Patrick County School Board shall award verified credits toward a standard diploma in science and history/social sciences to students entering ninth grade for the first time in school year 2000-2001 or thereafter 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:

- 2enter the ninth grade for the first time in school year 2000-2001 or thereafter;
- 3pass the high school course and not pass the related Standards of Learning test;
- 4take the Standards of Learning test at least twice;
- 5score within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the Standards of Learning test; and
- 6demonstrate achievement in the academic content through the following appeal process.

Appeal Process

The Patrick 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 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 review the information as stated above. That information may include, but is not limited to, course grades, number of Standard of Learning testing attempts, scores obtained on previous SOL tests, remediation efforts, number of other verified credits through any source, and scores of any approved SOL substitute test.

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

- 11.award the verified credit;
- 12.deny the verified credit;
- 13.suggest participation in a remedial program and retesting; or
- 14.make additional academic assignments prior to determining whether to award the verified credit.

The decision of the local review panel may be appealed within 90 days to the school board in accordance with regulations developed by the board. Exceptions for not meeting the 90-day appeal time-line will be determined by the school board based on extenuating circumstances.

The award of verified credits under this policy will not be used to recalculate a school's accreditation rating.

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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.