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LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDIT

A. Background

The Charlottesville 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.

B. General Eligibility

To be eligible to earn locally awarded verified credits in science, or history/social science, a student must have:

1. Entered the ninth grade for the first time in school years 2000-2001 or thereafter,
2. Passed the high school courses and not passed the related Standards of Learning test,
3. Taken the Standards of Learning test at least twice;
4. Scored within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the associated Standards of Learning test; and
5. Demonstrated achievement in the academic content by meeting additional achievement criteria specified by the appeal process.

C. The Appeal Process

The School Board will appoint a Local Review Panel comprised of:

- The Division Director of Testing (DDOT),
- The School Testing Coordinator (STC),
- The Chairperson of Guidance, and
- The Department Chairperson for the Associated Course.

The Local Review Panel will review information that provides 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.

Based on the evidence reviewed, the Local Review Panel may:

1. award the verified credit,
2. deny the verified credit,
3. suggest participation in a remedial program and retesting, or

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4. make additional academic assignments prior to determining whether to award the verified credit.

The decision of the Local Review Panel will be final.

E. General Provisions

1. A student may be awarded no more than two locally verified credits through this process.
2. These procedures may not be used to award verified credits toward meeting the requirements for the Advanced Diploma.
3. The award of verified credits under these procedures will have no affect 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.
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Superintendent's Memoranda No. 36 (March 3, 2000) and No. 39 (February 20, 2004).

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.

Senate Bill 609 and House Bill 493 adopted by the 2002 General Assembly