School Board of the City of Virginia Beach Policy 5-26

STUDENTS

Course Load

A. Generally

All students in grades 1-12 shall maintain a full-day schedule of classes (5 1/2 hours), unless a waiver is granted by the Superintendent <u>or designee</u> pursuant to criteria set forth in <u>**R**</u>regulation. No waiver shall be granted where such waiver reduces the instructional time in core academics.

B. Additional Course Load

Students at the high school level may be permitted to carry additional courses provided that their records indicate their ability to handle such courses, that their presence in the class will not cause overcrowding and that the needs of students requiring the courses have been fulfilled.

C. Reduced Course Load

Upon presentation of a physician's certificate and with the consent of the principal<u>or</u> <u>designee</u>, a student may be permitted to carry less than a normal class load and to restrict his or her activities to those recommended by a physician.

Legal Reference

Virginia Board of Education Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, 8-VAC-20-131-10 *et seq*, as amended.

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