

ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO ATTAINING STANDARD UNITS OF CREDIT

In order to be awarded a diploma, secondary school students are required to earn standard and verified units of credit as specified in the regulations of the Virginia Board of Education. A “standard credit of credit” or “standard credit” is awarded for a course in which the student successfully completes 140 clock hours of instruction the requirements of the course. The Alexandria City School Board (Board) recognizes that instruction, learning and outcomes equivalent to those achieved in 140 clock hours of instruction can be attained in a variety of ways. Therefore, the Board waives the requirement that a student receive 140 clock hours of instruction to earn a standard unit of credit as provided below. The total number of standard credits that can be achieved via the waiver option is 4. Students may earn fractional credits via the waiver.

Waiver Options

- A maximum of four (4) standard (world language) credits can be achieved via the credit-by-exam option by students in grades 6-12. If successful, students will receive a “pass” grade for the equivalent course(s), which will appear as a “P” on transcripts to signify the levels have been successfully completed. Students will not receive a letter grade that will impact their grade point average (GPA). Standard credits achieved through this option are considered equal to any other standard credit in terms of class rank, grade point average, extracurricular eligibility, and high school transcripts. The Board pays for the cost of the examinations.

Pursuit of credit-by-exam by students with Individualized Education Programs and/or 504 plans will be prescribed by the student's program/plan.

Full implementation guidance for this policy is found in Regulation IKFD-R.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:4.

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Cross Refs.:	IAA	Notification of Learning Objectives
	IGBG	Homebound, Correspondence and Alternative Means of Instruction
	IGBGA	Online Courses and Virtual School Programs
	IGBF	English Learners
	IKEB	Acceleration
	IKF	The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements
	IKF-R	The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements Regulations
	IKFD-R	Credit-By-Exam for World Languages Regulations

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