

# The 2018-19 Program of Studies



## **School Board Meeting**

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Alexandria City Public Schools

*Every Student Succeeds*

# Essential Questions

- What is the purpose of the Program of Studies?
- What is new in the 2018-19 Program of Studies?
- What courses have changed or have been deleted in the 2018-19 Program of Studies?
- What are the new requirements in the profile of a graduate?

# Purpose of the Program of Studies

- Begins the advisement period for students and families
- Provides guidance for Individualized Career and Academic Planning (ICAPs)
- Outlines schedule possibilities at all grade levels
- Links school-based learning with the knowledge and skills required for success in the workplace
- Offers steps for academic and career planning for grades 6-12
- Includes course requirements and expectations
- Defines graduation requirements
- Provides information about academies (STEM Academy, International Academy, Academy of Health Sciences, Academy of Finance)
- Lists support offered to students
- Provides students and families with a list of course offerings

# Course Additions

- Child Development
- Computer & Keyboarding Applications
- Cyber-Security Fundamentals
- Theater Practicum: Acting and Directing
- Theater Practicum: Technology
- 15 Online Courses



# New Information

- The GWU-ACPS Academy of Health Sciences
- Human Growth and Development becomes an elective course
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade math required for 7<sup>th</sup> grade math



# Course Changes and Deletions

- 4 courses deleted from online offerings
- 1 course deleted from high school offerings
- Updated descriptions for high school Mathematics, CTE and Sciences



# Profile of a Graduate

- “Profile of a Virginia Graduate,” a set of skills and attributes identified by employers and higher education as critical for success in the workplace and in college
- Passed November 16, 2017
- Reduces the number of SOL tests students must pass to earn a high school diploma



# Profile of a Graduate

- Increased emphasis on the practical application of learned skills
- Expanding the use of performance-based assessments for the awarding of verified credits
- Inclusion of career-planning component





# Diploma Types

## Standard Diploma (Class of 2022)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Standard Units of Credit Required</b>	<b>Verified Credits Required</b>
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Science	3	1
History/Social Science	3	1
Health & Physical Education	2	
World Language, Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>

# Diploma Types

Standard Diploma			
Discipline Area	Standard Credits Effective with 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classes of 2003-04 through 2010-11	Standard Credits Revised Standard Diploma Effective with the 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2011-12 and beyond	Verified Credits
English	4	4	2
History and Social Sciences	4	4	1
Mathematics	3	3	1
Laboratory Sciences	3	3	1
Health and Physical Education	2	2	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1		
World Languages, Fine Arts or CTE***		2	
Human Growth and Development*	1*	1*	
Economics and Personal Finance		1	
Electives**	4**	2**	
Student-Selected Tests			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>

# Diploma Types

## Advanced Studies Diploma (Class of 2022)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Standard Units of Credit Required</b>	<b>Verified Credits Required</b>
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	1
Science	4	1
History/Social Science	4	1
World Language	3	
Health & Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>

# Diploma Types

Advanced Studies Diploma		
Discipline Area	Standard Credits Revised Advanced Studies Diploma Effective with the 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2011-12 and beyond	Verified Credits
English	4	2
History and Social Sciences	4	2
Mathematics	4	2
Laboratory Sciences	4	2
World Languages	3	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1	
Health and Physical Education	2	
Human Growth and Development*	1**	
Economics and Personal Finance	1	
Electives	2	
Student-Selected Tests		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26*</b>	<b>9</b>

# Questions and Discussion

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