

**Regulations Governing Adult High School Programs**  
**8 VAC 20-30-10**

8 VAC 20-30-10. Responsibility.

Local authorities are responsible for evaluating and awarding credit for educational achievement, other than that earned in the regular school program.

8 VAC 20-30-20. Minimum requirements for ~~secondary~~ *adult high school* programs

~~Secondary~~ *Adult high school* programs ~~for adults which~~ are not part of the regular day school program *and* shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Age. A student shall be at least 18 years of age. Under circumstances which local school authorities consider justifiable, the age limit may be lowered. Only in exceptional circumstances should local authorities permit a regularly enrolled day student to earn credits toward high school graduation in adult classes. ~~(In such cases, All alternative educational programs should have been considered).~~ *prior to placing an enrolled student in an adult class.*
2. Credit:
  - a. Satisfactory completion of 108 hours of classroom instruction in a subject shall constitute sufficient evidence for one unit of credit. Where accelerated or other innovative instructional methods are used, satisfactory completion of ~~comparable~~ competencies *comparable to* as the regular school program as measured by objective testing *and/or other objective evidence* in a subject shall constitute sufficient evidence for one unit of credit.
  - b. ~~Eighteen units of credit are required for graduation as specified in the Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia~~ *The requirements for an adult student to earn a standard or advanced studies diploma from a Virginia high school shall be those in effect when the student entered ninth grade for the first time with the exclusion of Hhealth and Pphysical Eeducation.*
  - c. ~~An Advanced Studies Diploma (20 credits) shall be awarded to students who complete the credits as specified in the Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia with the exclusion of health and physical education.~~
  - d. ~~In addition to the units of credit specified in the Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia, each student must demonstrate mastery of minimum competencies as prescribed by the Board of Education.~~
  - e. c. When, in the judgement of the principal *and/or* the superintendent, an adult not regularly enrolled in the day school program is able to demonstrate by examination or other objective evidence, satisfactory completion of the work, he *or she* may

receive credit *in accordance with policies adopted by the local school board*. It is the responsibility of the school issuing the credit to document the types of examinations employed, and/or *other objective evidence used*, the testing and/or *assessment* procedures, and the extent of progress in each case.

- ƒ. *d.* No student may be issued a *standard or advanced studies* diploma by earning credits in adult or evening classes prior to the time that he *or she* would have graduated from a secondary school had he *or she* remained in school and made normal progress.
- g. *e.* Credits ~~actually~~ earned in adult ~~secondary~~ *high school* programs shall be transferable as identified in the ~~Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia~~ Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia in effect at the time the student entered ninth grade within the sponsoring school division and shall be transferable to public secondary schools outside of the sponsoring school division.
- f. *Students who demonstrate, through applied performance assessment, full mastery of the External Diploma Program competencies, as promulgated by the American Council on Education and validated and endorsed by the United States Department of Education, shall be eligible to receive an adult high school diploma.*

#### 8 VAC 20-30. Minimum qualifications of teachers.

The minimum qualifications of teachers teaching in the adult and evening school shall be the same in all respects as those required for the regular day school.

#### 8 VAC 20-30-40. Library facilities.

The library facilities available for the regular day school shall be available for the adult evening school.

#### 8 VAC 20-30-50. Science laboratory facilities.

If science is offered, the appropriate laboratory facilities also shall be available.

#### 8 VAC 20-30-60. Administration and Supervision.

The adult and evening school shall be under supervision of the secondary school principal, assistant principal, or a qualified staff member approved by the division superintendent.

#### 8 VAC 20-30-70. Guidance services.

The adult and evening school should have appropriate guidance services available.

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