

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School graduation requirements exceed requirements for graduation with a Virginia Advanced Studies Diploma. All students electing to attend Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School are required to maintain a full-day schedule of classes. When students successfully complete courses offered for credit in grades nine through twelve by the end of the eighth-grade year, standard and/or verified credit shall be counted toward meeting the units required for graduation in accordance with 8 VAC 20-131.50 of the State Board of Education’s regulations. Verified credits are required in accordance with standards of accrediting schools in Virginia as prescribed in 8 VAC 20-131-110.B. All students must be on track to earn the Advanced studies diploma with the Governor’s School Seal at the start of their senior year. A student who does not satisfy the requirements but meets those for the Advanced Diploma or Standard Diploma as set forth by the State Board of Education at the time of graduation will be awarded an Advanced or Standard Diploma.

- **English: 4 units** that must include World Literature and Comp. I & II, Contemporary Voices Cycle A or AP Language & Comp. 11, and Contemporary Voices Cycle B or AP Literature & Comp. 12
- **Mathematics: 4 units** through a minimum of Pre-Calculus.
- **Social Studies: 5 units** that must include Global Studies I & II, US & VA History, US & VA Government, and one additional Social Studies elective
- **Science: 4 units** that must include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- **International Languages: 6 units** with a minimum of four credits in one language and two credits in another language
- **Health and PE: 2 units** (9 and 10)
- **Fine Arts: 1 unit** (Art, Drama, Music)
- **Senior Seminar/Mentorship: 1 unit** to be completed in senior year
- **MLWGS101:1 unit** to be completed in freshman year
- **Economics and Personal Finance: 1 unit** to be completed online
- **Community Service: 1 unit** for a minimum of 140 hours in 4 years; only 70 hours from one organization will count toward requirements, although all hours will be shown on the transcript
- **Elective: 1 unit** based on student choice

Note: All students must have an online experience.

Minimum Total Units of Credit: 31*

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