



# What ALL Freshmen Should Know....

## DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

### Or what you need to do to get from now to 2028

**\*\*STANDARD: MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 22 total**

**\*ADVANCED STUDIES: MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 26 total**

SUBJECT	ADVANCED	STANDARD
ENGLISH	4 CREDITS	4 CREDITS
MATH	4 CREDITS Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 other	3 CREDITS Algebra 1, Geometry, and 1 other above Geometry
SCIENCE	4 CREDITS Chemistry Required	3 CREDITS From 2 different disciplines
HISTORY	4 CREDITS	3 CREDITS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 CREDITS	2 CREDITS
FINE ARTS /TECH ED	1 CREDIT	2 CREDITS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3 CREDITS	NOT REQUIRED
ECONOMICS/FINANCE	1 CREDIT	1 CREDIT
ADDITIONAL CREDITS	3 CREDITS	4 CREDITS
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	*Must complete CTE credential, honors Course, IB or AP course or work-based learning (WBL) experience/project. *Must complete a Virtual Course * Must complete First Aid/CPR/AED	**Must complete CTE credential, honors Course, IB or AP course, or work-based learning (WBL) experience/project. **Must complete a Virtual Course ** Must complete First Aid/CPR/AED

- To **VERIFY** means to check or make sure something is true. The state of Virginia wants to make sure it's true or verify that you really know what they think you should know when you pass certain courses in the state **SOL** courses when you pass an SOL test.

## Verified Credits...What are they?

A verified credit is what you earn when you first take a core class and pass it and then take the Standard of Learning test and pass.

5 verified credits are required for both the Advanced Studies Diploma and the Standard.

### ADVANCED: 5

**ENGLISH 11:** 2 VC

**MATH:** 1 VC

3 possible tests: ALG 1; GEOM; ALG 2

**SCIENCE:** 1 VC

3 possible tests: EARTH SCIENCE; BIOLOGY; CHEMISTRY

**HISTORY:** 1 VC

4 possible tests: WORLD STUDIES 1; WORLD STUDIES 2; WORLD GEOGRAPHY; US/VA HISTORY

### STANDARD: 5

**ENGLISH 11:** 2 VC

**MATH:** 1 VC

**SCIENCE:** 1 VC

**HISTORY:** 1 VC

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Grades are on all students' minds! Grades and credits go hand-in-hand...credits and semester grades are awarded only twice a year at the end of each semester. Interim grades are a progress report to let you know how you are doing up to that point in each marking period. Granby's GPA and class rank are based on a 4.0 scale. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 is necessary for a student to be an honor graduate. GPAs are recalculated near the start and at the end of each school year. Grades earned in Advanced Placement (AP) or IB courses receive a weighted factor of .06 at the end of the year, while all honors and pre-IB courses receive a weighted factor of .0250. Weighted credit is added to your overall (cumulative GPA)GPA. Weighted courses are identified by an "H" or "A" to the left of the course code on the Norfolk Public Schools Credit Sheet (Transcript). To calculate your un-weighted semester GPA, add the GPA values for each of your final grades and divide it by the number of courses you've taken.

A	93-100	4.0	B+	87-89	3.3	C+	77-79	2.3	D+	67-69	1.3	
A-	90-92	3.7	B	83-86	3.0	C	73-76	2.0	D	64-66	1.0	E
			B-	80-82	2.7	C-	70-72	1.7				63 & below

**SAMPLE YEAR LONG GRADING**

SUBJECT	GRADE	POINT VALUE
English 10	B+	3.3
World Studies 2	C	2.0
Health PE/10	A-	3.7
Geometry	D	1.0
Biology	B+	3.3
Spanish 2	B	3.0
Intro to Art	B-	2.7
Computer Apps	A-	3.7
8 courses		22.7 / 8 = <b>2.8375</b>

This sample shows regular level classes. If you are taking Honors or AP classes, then you would add the weighted credit AFTER calculating the GPA. So, if this sample student had taken AP Biology, instead of Biology, .06 would be added to 2.8375 making the GPA 2.8975. If this sample student also took Honors English 10, you would add .0250 to the total, making the GPA with Honors and AP weighted credit 2.9225. It may sound confusing, but it's really not...try a sample calculation and see for yourself!

**Attendance** is also a priority! If you are absent more than 6 classes in a class per semester, you earn an automatic "E". Please keep doctor's notes and submit to [GranbyHighAttendance@npsk12.com](mailto:GranbyHighAttendance@npsk12.com) in order to have legitimate absences excused.

**Two places Granby students can find important information:**

- 1. The Comet Weekly-** Sent to your student email every Sunday evening. <https://www.npsk12.com/ghs>
- 2. The School Counselors webpage:**  
<https://www.npsk12.com/domain/4726>