

Attachment to Informational Memo No. 36

A Reminder as to Whom the LPT Graduation Requirement Applies:

In 1998 the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation phasing out the Literacy Passport Test (LPT). Students in the ninth-grade class of 1999-2000 will be the last class required to pass the LPT to earn a standard or advanced studies diploma. This requirement to pass the LPT extends to all regular education, special education, and limited English proficient students who were in the ninth grade for the first time in 1999-2000.

The LPT requirement currently extends to all adult education students. Any adult student receiving a standard or advanced studies diploma is required to meet the LPT requirement for the diploma. Adult students participating in an external diploma program are granted a standard diploma and thus are also required to meet the LPT requirement before the diploma can be awarded.

Adult students, who are not enrolled in an adult education program, and are not eligible to be counted in the average daily membership (ADM) of a school division, must be treated as adult education students for the purposes of the LPT and must, therefore, pass the LPT to be eligible for a standard or advanced studies diploma. (Please see Informational Superintendent's Memo No. 109, June 7, 1996, for more information about which students may be counted in ADM).