

Draft Criteria

Board of Education Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics Education (HB 1503)

To earn a Board of Education Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics Education a student must satisfy each of the following four criteria:

- 1) Satisfy the requirement to earn a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma; AND
- 2) Complete Virginia and United States History and Virginia and United States Government courses with a grade of “B” or higher; AND
- 3) Complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities. Activities that would count include:
 - a) Volunteering for a charitable or religious organization that provides services to the poor, sick or less fortunate
 - b) Participating in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or similar youth organizations
 - c) Participating in JROTC
 - d) Participating in political campaigns or government internships, or Boys State, Girls State, or Model General Assembly
 - e) Participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities that have a civics focus.

Any student who enlists in the United States military prior to graduation will be deemed to have met this community service requirement.

AND

- 4) Have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies.