

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

8VAC20-30-10. Responsibility.

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

8VAC20-30-20. Minimum requirements for adult high school programs.

Adult high school programs are not part of the 9 through 12 high school program and shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Age. An adult student shall be at least 18 years of age. Under circumstances which local school authorities consider justifiable, students of school age may enroll in courses offered by the adult high school. Only in exceptional circumstances should school officials permit a school-aged individual enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to earn credits toward high school graduation in adult classes. All educational alternatives must have been considered prior to placing an enrolled student in an adult class. Such students would be able to earn a diploma, as provided in 8VAC20-131-50, but would not be eligible to earn an adult high school diploma.
2. Credit.
 - a. Satisfactory completion of 108 hours of classroom instruction in a subject shall constitute sufficient evidence for one unit of credit toward a high school diploma.
 - b. When, in the judgment of the principal or the superintendent, an adult not regularly enrolled in the grades 9 through 12 high school program is able to demonstrate by examination or other objective evidence, satisfactory completion of the work, he 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 or other objective evidence used, the testing or assessment procedures, and the extent of progress in each case.
 - c. Credits earned in adult high school programs shall be transferable as prescribed in the *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* within the sponsoring school division and shall be transferable to public secondary schools outside of the sponsoring school division.

3. Diplomas.

- a. A diploma, as provided in 8VAC20-131-50, shall be awarded to an adult student who completes all requirements of the diploma regulated by the Board of Education, with the exception of health and physical education requirements, in effect at the time he will graduate.
- b. An adult high school diploma shall be awarded to an adult student who completes the course credit requirements in effect for any Board of Education diploma, with the exception of health and physical education course requirements, at the time he first entered the ninth grade. The requirement for specific assessments may be waived if the assessments are no longer administered to students in Virginia public schools.
- c. An adult high school diploma shall be awarded to an adult student who demonstrates through applied performance assessment full mastery of the National External Diploma Program Generalized Competencies Correlated with CASAS Competencies, 1996, as promulgated by the American Council on Education and validated and endorsed by the United States Department of Education.
- d. A General Achievement Diploma, as provided in 8VAC20-680, shall be awarded to an adult student who completes all requirements of the diploma.

8VAC20-30-30. Minimum qualifications of teachers.

Teachers teaching in the adult high school program shall be licensed and endorsed in the subject areas they teach.

8VAC20-30-40. Library facilities.

The adult high school program shall have library media services, science laboratories, and computer technology accessible to instructional staff and adult learners.

8VAC20-30-50. [Repealed]

8VAC20-30-60. Administration and supervision.

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

8VAC20-30-70. Guidance services.

The adult high school program shall have appropriate guidance services available.