

Requirements for the General Achievement Adult High School Diploma (GAAHSD)

A. Requirements for graduation with a GAAHSD are as follows:

DISCIPLINE AREA	STANDARD UNITS OF CREDIT REQUIRED
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
History and Social Sciences	2
Electives	9
TOTAL	20

B. Courses completed to satisfy the requirements in mathematics and science shall include content in courses that incorporate or exceed the content of courses approved by the Board of Education (Board) to satisfy any other Board-recognized diploma.

C. Courses completed to satisfy the history and social science requirements shall include one unit of credit in Virginia and U. S. history and one unit of credit in Virginia and U.S. government in courses that incorporate or exceed the content of courses approved by the Board to satisfy any other Board-recognized diploma.

D. Courses completed to satisfy the electives requirement shall include at least two sequential electives in an area of concentration or specialization, which may include career and technical education and training.

E. The required number of standard units of credit may be earned in a variety of settings:

- a. A public school;
- b. A community college or other institution of higher education;
- c. An adult high school program; or
- d. Correspondence, distance education, or online courses

F. Achievement of a passing score on a board-approved High School Equivalency (HSE) examination. Currently, the GED[®] test is the only HSE examination approved by the Board.

G. Successful attainment of a board-approved career and technical education credential, such as the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia Workplace Readiness Skills Assessment