

*GUIDELINES FOR SEQUENTIAL ELECTIVES
FOR THE STANDARD OR MODIFIED STANDARD DIPLOMA*

Sequential electives means any series of courses that are used to fulfil the elective requirements for a standard or modified standard diploma in which the content increases or expands in scope and sequence as students move through the various levels of the courses. To further assist local school divisions to ensure that students comply with the requirement, the following guidance is given:

1. The requirement for students to complete two sequential electives is effective with the graduating class of 2003 as stated in 8 VAC 20-131-50 of the accrediting standards.
2. The two sequential electives may be in any discipline in as long as the courses are not specifically required for graduation in 8 VAC 20-131-50 of the accrediting standards.
3. Notwithstanding item 2 above, courses used to satisfy the one unit of credit in a fine or practical art required for the standard or modified standard diploma may be used to partially satisfy this requirement.
4. Guidelines for sequential electives in career and technical education programs are available from the Department of Education.
5. A sequence that includes an exploratory course followed by an introductory course cannot be used to satisfy this requirement; however, an introductory course followed by another level of the same course of study can be used.
6. Students may take the focused sequence of elective courses in consecutive years or any two years of high school.

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