APS Policy Review Team
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TO: Arlington School Board
FROM: Policy Review Team
THROUGH: Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
DATE: December 5, 2025
RE: Proposed Revisions to Policy I-11.6.1 Locally Awarded Verified Credit

This policy is being revised as part of its regular 5-year review and is scheduled for Board Information on December 18.

Staff are proposing the following changes to I-11.6.1 Locally Awarded Verified Credit.

- Note the history/social science exception in PIP-1.
- Clarify that credit accommodations that are not subject to the limit are determined by the IEP team or 504 committee.
- Add the code definition of Locally Awarded Verified Credit.
- Minor technical changes.

This policy was reviewed by the Policy Review Team and the Policy Subcommittee.

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Students who entered the ninth grade for the first time prior to the 2018-19 school year may be awarded a total of three locally awarded verified credits in English, mathematics, science, and history/social science. Such awards of credit are limited to credits used to earn the Standard diploma.

First time ninth graders, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, will be able to earn no more than one locally awarded verified credit in English, mathematics, science, and history/social science and may apply that credit towards a Standard or Advanced Studies diploma, except as described in Policy Implementation Procedure I-11.6.1 PIP-1 Locally Awarded Verified Credit with regard to history/social science.

Students found eligible to use locally awarded verified credits through their IEP team or 504 committee as a credit accommodation are not subject to the limit on the number of locally awarded verified credits.

Additional regulations for locally awarded verified credits for students enrolled in the spring of 2020 in courses for which an end-of-course SOL test was not administered due to the emergency school closure are outlined in Policy Implementation Procedure I-11.6.1 PIP-2 Special Circumstance Locally Awarded Verified Credit Process Related to 2020 School Closure.

Additional regulations for locally awarded verified credits for students enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year in courses for which an end-of-course SOL test was not administered due to the emergency school closure are outlined in Policy Implementation Procedure I-11.6.1 PIP-3 Special Circumstance Locally Awarded Verified Credit Process Related to School Year 2021 School Closure.

References

Code of Virginia §VAC 20-132-110 Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia
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