

LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

Generally

The Westmoreland County School Board awards verified credits in accordance with Virginia law and Virginia Board of Education regulations.

To be eligible for locally awarded verified credits as credit accommodations, students with disabilities must meet all criteria established by Virginia law or regulation and eligibility for such credit accommodations must be established in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.

Review Panels

The Westmoreland County School Board appoints review panels comprised of at least three educators to consider evidence of the student's achievement. Different panels may be appointed for individual schools or groups of schools.

The review panel reviews information which provides evidence of the student's achievement of adequate knowledge of the Standards of Learning content. The panel has discretion in determining the information it considers. That information may include, but is not limited to, results of classroom assessments, divisionwide exams, course grades and additional academic assignments (e.g. papers, projects, essays or written questions) as the panel deems appropriate.

Based on the evidence it reviews, the review panel may:

- award the verified credit;
- deny the verified credit;
- suggest participation in a remedial program and retesting; or
- make additional academic assignments prior to determining whether to award the verified credit.

The decision of the review panel may be appealed to the school board in accordance with regulations developed by the board.

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