

Directions for the Awarding of LOCALLY AWARDED VERIFIED CREDITS

Locally awarded verified credits in science and history/social sciences are available to students pursuing a Standard Diploma.

No student may earn more than three locally awarded verified credits required for the Standard Diploma.

To be eligible to earn locally awarded verified credits, a student must:

- **Entered the ninth grade in 2003-2004 or beyond;**
- **Pass the high school course and not pass the related Standards of Learning test;**
- **Take the Standards of Learning test at least twice;**
- **Score within a 375-399 scale score range on any administration of the Standards of Learning test; and**
- **Demonstrate achievement in the academic content through the following appeal process.**
- **Be aware that locally awarded verified credits may not be used to award verified credits for the Advanced Diploma**
- **Be aware that locally awarded verified credits are available in science and history/social science only.**

Award Process

- **Parents, students, or school personnel can initiate a review for awarding of local verified credit.**
- **A copy of the request for award, regardless of source, is to be submitted.**
- **All requests for awarding of locally verified credit will go through a review panel comprised of at least three educators appointed by the Superintendent/Designee.**
- **The local review panel will review information that provides evidence of the student's achievement of adequate knowledge of the Standards of Learning content. The panel will have discretion in determining the information it will consider.**
- **Based on the evidence it reviews, the local review panel may:**
 - **Award the verified credit,**
 - **Deny the verified credit,**
 - **Require 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 local review panel may be appealed to the Superintendent/Designee.**