

Appendix A

Definitions

(A1) Definitions for Summer School Evaluation

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Advanced Studies Diploma

To graduate with an Advanced Studies Diploma, a student must earn at least 24 or 26 standard units of credit, depending on when he or she entered ninth grade, and at least nine verified units of credit.

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

A classroom observation tool developed at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education. It aims to provide a common lens and language focused on classroom interactions that encourage student learning. The CLASS tool organizes teacher-student interactions into three broad domains: Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support.

Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)

The DRA is a formative reading assessment that allows teachers to systematically observe, record, and evaluate changes in student reading performance.

English for Speakers of Other Languages/High Intensity Language Training (ESOL/HILT) Program

The English for Speakers of Other Languages/High Intensity Language Training (ESOL/HILT) program of Arlington Public Schools serves students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Enrichment Programs

These summer school courses (Global Village Summit and Summit Laureate) are designed to be academically challenging for elementary students who meet or rise above their grade level.

Global Village Summit

Global Village Summit is a summer school enrichment opportunity for students in kindergarten through grade 3 that focuses on world cultures and global issues.

High Intensity Language Training (HILT/HILTEX) Program

Students identified as beginning (HILT A) or intermediate (HILT B) English language learners study in the HILT Program. These students receive their core instruction (reading, language arts, social studies, science and math) from a HILT teacher. Students may enroll in HILT math or mainstream mathematics, as well as physical education and elective classes. HILTEX is for those students who have successfully completed the HILT Program or are identified as advanced English language learners.

Make-Up & Strengthening Program

Secondary summer school courses designed for students who have previously failed a course, want to improve their course grade, or have previously failed as SOL test enroll in a subject-specific remediation course called "Make-Up and Strengthening."

Modified Standard Diploma

The Modified Standard Diploma is intended for certain students at the secondary level who have a disability and are unlikely to meet the credit requirements for a Standard Diploma. Eligibility and participation in the program are determined by the student's IEP team and the student, when appropriate. The Modified Standard Diploma is being phased out as an option for graduation in Virginia. Students who entered 9th grade for the first time in 2013-14 did not have this option and are expected to achieve a Standard Diploma.

New Work Courses

These summer school courses are available to high school students looking to attain a course credit in an area they have never attempted before.

Peer Coach

Peer coaches assist summer school teachers in expanding, refining and building new skills in order to improve their classroom environment and increase student learning. They provide non-evaluative feedback.

Remediation Courses

These courses are designed to help students who run the risk of falling behind grade level improve their academic skills. These courses are referred to as 'Skill-Building' at the elementary level and 'Make-Up and Strengthening' at the secondary level.

Skill Building Programs

Elementary mathematics and language arts summer school classes designed to help students improve their academic skills.

Standard Credit

A standard unit of credit is awarded for a course in which the student successfully completes the objectives of the course and the equivalent of 140 clock hours of instruction.

Standard Diploma

To graduate with a Standard Diploma, a student must earn at least 22 standard units of credit by passing required courses and electives, and earn at least six verified credits by passing end-of-course SOL tests or other assessments approved by the Board of Education. Beginning with students entering ninth grade for the first time in 2013-2014, a student must also earn a board-approved career and technical education credential to graduate with a Standard Diploma, and successfully complete one virtual course, which may be non-credit bearing.

Standards of Learning (SOL)

The SOLs are the Virginia Board of Education's curriculum objectives that describe the commonwealth's expectations for student learning and achievement by subject for grades K–12.

Student Information System (SIS)

A student information system is a software application to manage student data, such as attendance, grades, and various demographics. It can also be used to track accommodations and learning disabilities for students who are classified as LEP or disabled.

Summer School Administrator

At the elementary level, APs generally serve as the summer administrators in their buildings when the summer school clusters are held there. These staff are 12-month employees. At the countywide middle and high school sites, summer administrators are hired by the Summer school Office in the spring to complete the master schedules, finalize the building usage plan for summer, and hire the administrative staff. The week before summer school starts, they report to the summer school site and serve as the on-site administrator for the duration of the program.

Summer School Subject Coordinator

The summer school coordinator oversees a specific subject area and works in cooperation with instructional supervisors to plan and conduct professional development, facilitate the accessibility of resources for teachers, assign and distribute instructional materials at each school, maintain an inventory of books and materials to support the subject, assist with the administration of pretests and posttests, collect and compile data, and coordinate the closing of summer classes.

Summer Laureate

Summer Laureate is a summer school enrichment opportunity for students in kindergarten through grade 4 that focuses on creative and critical thinking skills.

Verified Credit

A verified unit of credit is awarded for a course in which the student earns a standard unit of credit and achieves a passing score on a corresponding end-of-course SOL test or a substitute assessment approved by the Board of Education.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) is a large-scale English language proficiency assessment. It is used in the commonwealth of Virginia to monitor the acquisition of the English language among LEP students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.