



Village Green Virtual Charter School  
Local Diploma System Policy –  
“Superintendent’s Seal”

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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In an effort to keep pace with the future improvements to the high school graduation system as recommended by the RIDE, the Commissioner of Education and the State's Board of Education, Village Green Virtual desires to be on the cutting edge of reform in the area of creating a new and 21<sup>st</sup> century diploma system. VGV, like the state, reimagines its diploma system to include a "Superintendent's Seal" for certification in "state-wide comparable skills in Math and Literacy" using widely accepted assessments and programs. In the future, the state's system may be fully implemented and the "Superintendent's Seal" would be replaced with a "Commissioner's Seal." The "seal" would be affixed to the diploma and student recognition would be noted in both the VGV transcript and graduation ceremony program.

Currently, VGV is in alignment with the RIDE regulations regarding high school graduation requirements. In many cases our requirements exceed the state minimum requirements. At this point in time both VGV and the RI Department of Education mandate:

Twenty courses in the following areas;

- ✓ Four in English Language Arts
- ✓ Four in Math
- ✓ Three in science
- ✓ Three in social studies
- ✓ Six in foreign languages, technology, arts, health or career preparation

Plus;

- ✓ Two performance based assessments such as Senior Capstone Project and Portfolio

However, in order to align our system with future reforms, beginning in 2016 VGV will offer a "Superintendent's Seal" on the diploma for students who have demonstrated one or more of the following:

- ✓ Students who have earned a proficiency level of "4" or "5" in PARCC ELA 9, 10, Algebra I or Geometry
- ✓ Dean's List grade (B+ or 3.33 GPA or higher) in a dual enrollment college course taught at CCRI
- ✓ Exceeding the state average score in either the PSAT, SAT or ACT (either verbal or math)
- ✓ Demonstrated proficiency in ACCUPLACER and placement in non-remedial courses at CCRI
- ✓ Gaining an industry recognized credential or certificate (i.e. Microsoft Office Specialist)