

## Credit Overview

### Required Credits:

- Students at VNS will need a minimum of 50 credits to earn a diploma.
- Seniors at VNS will complete a 'Senior Project' worth a minimum of 3 credits that they will present to the VNS community.
- Minimum credits to be earned each year are the following:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 5 credits
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 7 credits
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 9 credits
  - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – 10 credits
- Students at VNS will earn at least 3 credits in Mathematics.
- Students at VNS will complete at least 1 Service Learning project per year.
- Students at VNS will complete at least 1 Family project per year.
- Students at VNS will earn at least 1 Reading Credit per year.

### Earning Credit at VNS

**Individual Project Credit:** The majority of the credit earned at VNS should be from individual projects. These projects should be based on students' individual interests and should continually progress towards demonstrating mastery of the project process.

**Math Credit:** The math credit received depends on three main criteria – a) daily completion rate of math; b) daily scores of practices and tests (exercises do not count as daily work); and c) number of objectives completed in the course. Each year, students should receive 1.5 credits in math.

**Service Learning Project Credit:** Success in these individual community service projects relies on finding a worthwhile organization, completing the service learning standards, and maintaining a good log.

**Family Project Credit:** These projects resemble standard VNS projects. The only difference is that Family projects include one or more family members in the project process. In addition to your individual log, it is required that your family member(s) write their own journal or project summary during Family projects.

**Reading Credit:** Reading projects can have a variety of formats (individual or group). Reading proposals should be formally submitted to your advisors within the first month of school.

**Group Project Credit:** Group projects can be either adult-led or student-led. Detailed logging and a thorough end-of-project analysis are critical to successful group projects.

**Lifelong Learning (LLL) Credit:** Students may earn up to 1 credit per year by writing up 10 individual Life Long Learning experiences.

**Transition Credit:** New students can complete the Transition Packet for 0.25 credit.