In March 2016, in accordance with Virginia Code §23.1-906, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved the Virginia Public Higher Education Policy on Course Credit for AP, Cambridge, CLEP and IB. This policy required all public colleges and universities to review their institutional policies regarding the award of credit for performance on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams with the goal of better aligning credit policies across the Commonwealth.

The review process resulted in a significant expansion of credit awards across Virginia's 17 institutions (including 15 public four-year institutions, Richard Bland College and the Virginia Community College System). Most revised policies were in effect by fall 2017.

MYTH:

All public institutions in Virginia now grant credit for a score of 3 on AP exams.

FACTS:

SCHEV's policy asked institutions to maximize credit awards, "consistent with the likelihood of student success and with the faculty's judgment of consistency with the institution's curriculum and academic standards."	**14** institutions now grant credit for a score of 3 on at least 20 AP exams (up from nine before the reviews)	Across Virginia, more institutions are now giving credit for passing scores on more exams. However, credit awards still vary from one institution to another, and they may vary even within an institution depending on a student's course of study.

Where can students learn more?

The most accurate sources of information about credit awards are the institutions themselves. SCHEV has a webpage with links to each of the institutional policies (see link below). Students should contact institutions directly to ask about any program-specific exceptions as they consider their college plans.

Links

Virginia Public Higher Education Policy on Course Credit for AP, Cambridge, CLEP and IB: **www.schev.edu/virginiapolicyoncoursecredit**

Institutional credit policies: **www.schev.edu/creditforapibcambridgeclepexams**