



MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in a Maryland public school and have earned a minimum of 21 credits that include the following and meet the High School Assessment Requirements:

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements	High School Assessment
English	4 credits	<p>Students must satisfy one of the following:</p> <p>(a) Achieve a passing score as established by the Department on the Maryland high school assessments for algebra, biology, English, and government;</p> <p>(b) Achieve a combined score(s) as established by the Department on the Maryland high school assessments;</p> <p>(c) Achieve a score as established by the Department on Department-approved substitute assessments for algebra, biology, English, and government, aligned with the Maryland high school assessments such as Advanced Placement examinations, SAT I, SAT II, ACT, and International Baccalaureate examinations;</p> <p>(d) In school years 2016—2017 and beyond, if a student is unable to meet the above requirements, then they must satisfactorily complete the requirements of the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation, or</p> <p>(e) Prior to the 2016—2017 school year, if a student has taken an HSA-aligned or PARCC-aligned Algebra I and/or English 10 course and has passed the course(s) but failed the assessment aligned with the course(s) that student is exempt from completing a Bridge Plan for Academic Validation.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Any student who has taken an HSA-aligned or PARCC-aligned Algebra I and/or English 10 course prior to the 2016—2017 school year may meet the graduation requirements for Algebra I and/or English 10 in the following ways:</p> <p>(1) Passing the course(s) and passing the assessments aligned with the Algebra I and/or English 10 course (for students taking the assessments prior to 2014-2015); or</p> <p>(2) Passing the course(s) and taking the assessment aligned with the Algebra I and/or English 10 course at least one time (for students taking the assessments in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016).</p> <p>Specific information on Government:</p> <p>Students entering 9th grade from 2008-2009 to 2012-2013 school year, are NOT required to take or pass the Government HSA for graduation.</p> <p>Students entering 9th grade in school year 2013-2014 and are graduating in 2015-2016 school year, that is, they are graduating in less than four years MUST take and pass the Government HSA or take the Government HSA and meet the combined score option.</p> <p>Students entering 9th grade in the 2013-2014 school year and beyond MUST take and</p>
Mathematics	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 in Algebra ✓ 1 in Geometry ✓ 1 additional mathematics credit 	
Science	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 in Biology ✓ 2 that must include laboratory experience in any or all of the following areas: earth, life, environmental, or physical science 	
Social Studies	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ US History ✓ World History ✓ Local, State, and National Government 	

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Other Requirements		
Math	Beginning with students entering the 9th grade class of 2014—2015 school year, each student shall enroll in a mathematics course in each year of high school that the student attends, up to a maximum of 4 years of attendance, unless in the 5th or 6th year a mathematics course is needed to meet a graduation requirement.	
Fine Arts	1 credit	
Physical Education	½ credit	
Health	½ credit	
Technology Education	1 credit	
Other	2 credits of world language or 2 credits of American Sign Language or 2 credits of advanced technology ed and 3 credits in electives Or 4 credits by successfully completing a State-approved career & technology program and 1 credit in an elective	
<i>Students must also meet attendance, service-learning, and any local school system requirements.</i>		