



MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective with students entering high school in 2005

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:

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements	High School Assessment
English	4 credits	<p>Algebra/Data Analysis, English 10, and Biology</p> <p>Students who entered grade 9 in the fall of 2005 and later (COMAR 13A.03.02.09) must obtain either a passing score on Algebra/Data Analysis, English 10, and Biology or obtain an overall combined score of 1208 or 1602 (see below). Students who meet specific criteria may use the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation to meet the passing requirement. See questions 20 and 21 (pages 10-11) in the High School Graduation Requirements Questions and Answers (http://hsaexam.org/img/HS_Grad_Q_A.pdf) for information about the Bridge Plan option.</p> <p>Government</p> <p>Students entering 9th grade in the 2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11, or 2009-2010 school years do not need to pass the Government HSA for graduation, but may use it if they pursue a combined score to satisfy this requirement. These students have two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students MAY achieve a combined score of 1602 for English, Algebra/Data Analysis, Biology, and Government. <li style="text-align: center;">OR ○ Students MAY achieve a combined score of 1208 for English, Algebra/Data Analysis, and Biology. <p>Students entering 9th grade in school year 2013-14 and beyond MUST either pass the Government HSA or include the Government HSA score to meet a combined score of 1602.</p>
Mathematics	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 in Algebra/Data Analysis ✓ 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 science, life science, physical science 	
Social Studies	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ US History ✓ World History ✓ Local, State, and National Government 	
Other Requirements		
Fine Arts	1 credit	
Physical Education	½ credit	
Health	½ credit	
Technology Education	1 credit	
Other	2 credits of foreign 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>		