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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements	
English	4 credits	
Fine Arts	1 credit	(Selected courses in art, dance, drama/theater, and music that satisfy the fine arts requirement are marked FA)
Health Education	0.5 credit	
Mathematics	4 credits**	(1 credit algebra, 1 credit geometry.) Students who successfully complete a calculus course may be exempted from this 4-credit requirement.
Physical Education	1 credit	
Science	3 credits	(1 biology credit and 1 physical science credit must be included)
Social Studies	3 credits	(1 U.S. History credit; 1 World History credit; and 1 National, State, and Local Government credit)
Technology Education	1 credit	Courses in career and technology education that satisfy the technology education requirement are marked TE.

The additional credits required for graduation may be fulfilled by one of the following three options:

Electives	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
	2 credits in a foreign language and 2.5 credits in elective courses	2 credits in advanced technology education and 2.5 credits in elective courses	4 credits in a state-approved career and technology program and 0.5 credit in electives courses

Student Service Learning (SSL)

Students must meet established service-learning requirements

GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2006 THROUGH 2008

Assessments

High School Assessments

Students must take the Maryland High School Assessments for English, algebra/data analysis, biology, and government. The Algebra 1 and English 10 Maryland Assessments are used to meet the requirements for both the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) and HSA.

GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2009 AND LATER

Assessments

High School Assessments

Students must pass the Maryland High School Assessments for English, algebra/data analysis, biology, and government by achieving one of the following: (1) the passing score on each test, (2) a minimum score for each test and a combined overall score of at least 1602, (3) a specific score on an MSDE-approved comparable assessment (s), or (4) a passing score on the four High School Assessments by a combination of (1) and (3). The Algebra 1 and English 10 Maryland Assessments are used to meet the requirements for both the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) and HSA.