



MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in a Maryland public school system and have earned a minimum of **21** credits that include the following:

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements	High School Assessments	
English	4 credits		
Mathematics	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 in algebra/data analysis • 1 in geometry • 1 other 	Students who entered grade 9 in the 2005-06 school year and later are required to <u>take</u> and <u>pass</u> the Maryland High School Assessments or meet the requirement by one of the approved alternatives.	
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, environmental science 		Students who entered grade 9 in the 2004-05 school year and earlier are required to take the assessments but are not required to pass them.
Social Studies	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 in U.S. history • 1 in world history • 1 in local, state, national, government 		
Fine Arts	1 credit		
Physical Education	½ credit		
Health	½ credit		
Technology Education	1 credit		
Other	2 credits of foreign language or 2 credits in 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 *American Sign Language is an option beginning with students who graduate in 2008 and beyond.		
Students must also meet attendance, service-learning, and all local school system requirements.			