



## MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Effective with the graduating class of 2009 (entering freshman in 2005)

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 Assessment	NCLB Test
English	<b>4 credits</b>	Students must take the Maryland High School Assessments for English, algebra/data analysis, biology and government. The student must achieve one of the following: (1) the passing score on each test, (2) a minimum score for each test and a combined overall score, (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).	Students must take the Maryland School Assessment for geometry.
Mathematics	<b>3 credits</b> √ 1 in algebra/data analysis √ 1 in geometry		
Science	<b>3 credits</b> √ 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	<b>3 credits</b> √ 1 in U.S. history √ 1 in world history √ 1 in local, state, national government		
<b>Other Requirements</b>			
Fine Arts	<b>1 credit</b>		
Physical Education	<b>½ credit</b>		
Health	<b>½ credit</b>		
Technology Education	<b>1 credit</b>		
Other	<b>2 credits</b> of foreign language <u>or</u> <b>2 credits</b> of advanced technology ed. <u>and</u> <b>3 credits</b> in electives  <u>or</u> <b>4 credits</b> by successfully completing a State-approved career & technology program <u>and</u> <b>1 credit</b> in an elective		
<b>Students must also meet attendance, service-learning, and any local school system requirements.</b>			