



## 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 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). |
| Mathematics                                                                                                   | <b>3 credits</b><br>√ 1 in algebra/data analysis<br>√ 1 in geometry                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Science                                                                                                       | <b>3 credits</b><br>√ 1 in biology<br>√ 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><br>√ 1 in U.S. history<br>√ 1 in world history<br>√ 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><br><b>2 credits</b> of advanced technology ed. <u>and</u><br><b>3 credits</b> in electives<br><u>or</u><br><b>4 credits</b> by successfully completing a State-approved career & technology program <u>and</u><br><b>1 credit</b> in an elective |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b><i>Students must also meet attendance, service-learning, and any local school system requirements.</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |