

Baltimore County Public Schools Graduation Requirements

Graduating classes of 2005 through 2008

The Baltimore County Public Schools Graduation Requirements are outlined on this page.

All Baltimore County Public Schools offer the required core courses. Electives are courses other than the core courses.

MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (HSA)

Taking the High School Assessment at the end of: (see page 3 for details)

- English 10
- Algebra/Data Analysis
- Geometry (MSA)
- Government
- Biology



+PLUS - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURSE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

English	4
Social Studies.....	3.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One credit must be earned in each of the following: United States History, American Government, World History, and one-half credit in Economics. 	
Mathematics.....	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One credit must include algebra and one credit must include geometry. • University System of MD and most colleges require at least Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. <i>Students should consult counselors or math instructors about their mathematics sequence.</i> 	
Science	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time, biology is the only required science course. The University System of MD and most colleges require achievement of the appropriate level of competencies and core content associated with 3 courses in the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. <i>Students should consult counselors and science instructors about their science sequence.</i> 	
Physical Education.....	1
Health.....	.5
Technology Education	1
Fine Arts*	1
Core Credit Total	17

+PLUS - COMPLETION OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCES:

4 Credits in a Specified Sequence of Courses in a Career & Technology Program

See school counselor for specified course.

2 Credits in Advanced Technology Courses and 2 Credits in Any Elective

See school counselor for specified course.

2 Credits in World Languages and 2 Credits in any Elective

Check individual college requirements.

(Each program sequence prepares students for post-secondary study.)

Total Required Credits 21

+PLUS - 75 HOURS PRE-APPROVED STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING

Four (4) credits are required beyond grade 11, unless a waiver of State requirements has been granted.

**Students may fulfill the high school Fine Arts requirement by successfully completing either:*

- An identified 1 credit course in art, music, theatre, or dance**

OR

- Any combination of two identified .5 credit courses from art, music, theatre, or dance**

****The dance program must meet the Maryland Curricular Framework.**

Baltimore County Public Schools Graduation Requirements Effective with the graduating class of 2009 (Entering freshmen in 2005)

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Passing the High School Assessment at the end of: (see page 3 for details)

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MARYLAND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (MSA)

Taking the Geometry MSA

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Credits in Advanced Technology Courses and Credits in Any Elective

2

See school counselor for specified course.

Credits in World Languages and Credits in any Elective

2

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