



STUDENTS: Promotion and Retention

Graduation Requirements

I. Philosophy

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to ensuring that all students in the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) graduate from high school. The Board is dedicated to ensuring that its graduates are prepared to enter postsecondary education, employment, or both, and have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to reach their potential as responsible, productive citizens. The Board recognizes that fulfilling this commitment requires high academic standards; rigorous, relevant curricula; effective, engaging instruction; and flexibility in programming and support to meet the diverse needs, aptitudes, and interests of all students. The mission of a high school in BCPS is to build upon the students' prior educational experience and to help students grow academically, ethically, and socially. Within the high school program, students will have access to a wide variety of course offerings and learning experiences that will instill in them the confidence and competence to succeed and provide them with pathways to reach their maximum potential as life-long learners and productive citizens in a global economy and a multicultural society.

II. Purpose

- A. To establish requirements for graduation from high school in accordance with the bylaws of the Maryland State Board of Education.
- B. The Board, at its discretion, may establish graduation requirements beyond the minimum requirements established by the state board when it believes it to be in the best interest of students.

III. Implementation

- A. The Superintendent shall develop rules to implement this policy.

Legal Requirements: *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-205, Promotion and Graduation of Students*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-206.1, High School Diploma for Certain Individuals Enlisted During World War II or Korean Conflict.
COMAR 13A.03.02, Graduation Requirements for Public High Schools in Maryland

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 5200, *Promotion and Retention*
Board of Education Policy 5210, *Factors Involved in Student Evaluation*

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