

HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

A Pathway for High School Students to Earn Missing Credits

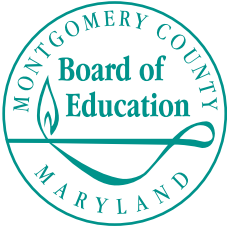
Goals of the High School Plus Program

- ✓ All students will pass courses required for graduation.
- ✓ All students will pass the Maryland High School Assessments.



Rockville, Maryland

For more information, contact the counseling office at your student's high school or www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/highschoolplus.



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A high-quality education is the fundamental right of every child. All children will receive the respect, encouragement, and opportunities they need to build the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be successful, contributing members of a global society.

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What is High School Plus?

High School Plus is a program that enables students who have failed courses required for graduation to retake these courses for credit in their home schools. All high schools in Montgomery County Public Schools have participated in the High School Plus program since 2007–2008. Each high school tailors its course offerings to the unique needs of its students.

Who can participate?

During the 2009–2010 school year, High School Plus courses will be available to all students in Grades 9–12. With the expansion of the High School Plus program to all grades, the Evening High School/Saturday High School program has been fully phased out and is no longer a credit-bearing option for students.

Students who need courses in the High School Plus program will be identified through marking period and/or end-of-course grades; other test data, such as scores on the Maryland High School Assessments; and input from counselors and teachers.

How much do classes cost?

There is no fee for students enrolling in the High School Plus program.

When are classes scheduled?

High School Plus classes will be offered during the school day or scheduled after the regular school day ends. It is up to each high school to decide which courses to offer and the time and day they will take place. Students may need to provide their own transportation if activity buses are not available.

What are the advantages of High School Plus?

The program will offer the following:

- Rigorous academics, teaching, and assessment, as in the day school program.
- An opportunity for students to remain at their home schools rather than attend a regional center.
- Monitoring of individual student performance.
- Support for success on the Maryland High School Assessments.

Students can do the following:

- Recover credit during the regular school day or after school.
- Receive support for High School Plus courses at their home school.

How do I find out more about High School Plus?

For more information, contact the counseling office at your student's high school.

Counselors will work with students and parents to determine the best program for student success.

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What students are saying

"This is giving me a great chance to graduate and to get ahead in school."

"I now know more and I feel that I could be in an Honors class."

"I can relate it to my other classes that are similar to it. It was easy to sign up for and there are fair standards."

"I thank the school for having this program. I wouldn't be able to attend night school and get my credits."

"My experience has been great. It is the same as day school, but there is more time to go over things."

"I can get my credits without losing hours at work."

What teachers are saying

"Students don't have to arrange to get to another school, or to come back at a later time."

"Students attend their home school, so they know the building, teachers, and the rules."

"Students are highly motivated."

"The students who need to work still have time for a part-time job, since class is over at 4:00 p.m."

"The program is well-organized and tailored to meet student needs."

"The small size class is good for students who need the extra one-on-one attention."

"Schools know what subjects are most needed by their students, and can offer those classes."

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