

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits. At least four credits must be earned after the completion of 11th grade.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit Requirement</u>
English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 including 1 credit algebra and 1 credit geometry
Social Studies	3 credits: 1 each U.S. History, World History, and National/State/Local Government
Science	3 credits, including 1 biology credit and 1 physical science credit
Fine Arts	1 credit (Art, Drama, Theater, Music)
Technology Education	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Health Education	.5 credit

In addition to meeting the specific credit requirements, all students are required to earn at least one of the following:

- A. Foreign Language - 2 credits
OR
- B. Advanced Technology Education - 2 credits
OR
- C. Successful completion of a state approved **Career Development Program** (3 - 9 credits). Examples:
 - Child Development
 - Executive Internship program
 - Cooperative Work Experience
 - Fire Science Program (classes at Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy; internships conducted at local fire departments or rescue squads)
 - Technical and vocational programs available at Thomas Edison High School of Technology.

The Student Service Learning (SSL) minimum requirements are 75 hours and may be satisfied through service in school approved agencies or student selected activities which have been pre-approved by the SSL coordinator. Also, several MCPS courses may offer service learning hours as part of their curriculum. Students who earn 260 or more SSL hours are eligible to receive a certificate of Meritorious Service. Rockville High School's SSL Coordinator is Mrs. Carol Willing (301-517-5958).

High School Assessments

The Maryland High School Assessments are rigorous end-of-course tests in Algebra/Data Analysis, Biology, English, and Government. These are scheduled for May 17-21, 2010. All students must take and pass the HSA after completing the appropriate courses.

Certificate of Merit

In addition to the Maryland high school diploma, students who meet the following requirements may be awarded the Montgomery County Public Schools Certificate of Merit:

- A. **Advanced Courses** - At least 12 credits must be earned in advanced courses identified by MCPS as applicable to the Certificate of Merit.
- B. **Cumulative Grade Point Average** - Students must obtain at least a 3.0 unweighted cumulative grade point average. All courses counted toward a Certificate of Merit must be taken for a letter grade.