

MCPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE			
English	4 credits		
Fine Arts	1 credit Selected courses in art, dance, or drama/theater satisfy this requirement.		
Health Education	0.5 credit		
Mathematics	<p>4 credits 1 full-year (A/B) algebra credit and 1 geometry credit required. Students who successfully complete a calculus course may be exempted from this 4-credit requirement.</p> <p><b>NEW STATE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018 AND LATER:</b> Students graduating in 2018 and later must be enrolled in a math course each year in grades 9 through 12. This may result in students earning more than 4 credits in math for graduation.</p>		
Physical Education	1 credit		
Science	3 credits 1 biology credit and 1 physical science credit must be included.		
Social Studies	3 credits 1 U.S. History credit; 1 World History credit; and 1 National, State and Local Government credit required.		
Technology Education	1 credit Courses satisfying this requirement are designated in the Course Bulletin.		
Electives: The additional credits required for graduation may be fulfilled by one of the following three options	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
	<p>2 credits in a world language <b>OR</b> 2 credits in American Sign Language <b>AND</b> 2.5 credits in elective courses</p>	<p>2 credits in advanced technology education <b>AND</b> 2.5 credits in elective courses</p>	<p>4 credits in a state-approved Program of Study <b>AND</b> 0.5 credit in elective courses</p>
Student Service Learning (SSL)	75 service learning hours		
MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (MHSA) REQUIREMENTS (HSA and PARCC assessments)			
Algebra 1	<p>Course credit earned in Algebra 1 <b>prior</b> to 2016-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take Algebra 1 PARCC <b>or</b> Algebra 1 HSA</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Enrolled in Algebra 1 <b>during or after</b> 2016-2017 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass Algebra 1 PARCC</li> </ul>		
Biology/MD Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)	<p>Enrolled in or previously taken Biology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass Biology HSA</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>During a grade level or course yet to be determined, students will need to participate in the no-fault field test for MISA available during the 2017-2018 school year.</p>		
English 10	<p>Course credit earned in English 10 <b>prior</b> to 2016-2017 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) 10 PARCC or English 10 HSA</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Enrolled in English 10 <b>during or after</b> 2016-2017 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) 10 PARCC</li> </ul>		
Government	<p>Enrolled in or previously taken National, State, and Local Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass Government HSA</li> </ul>		