## Course Credits

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<td><strong>English</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fine Arts</strong></td>
<td>1 credit designated (FA). Courses in art, dance, drama/theater, and music that satisfy the FA requirement are designated in the course bulletin.</td>
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<td><strong>Health Education</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mathematics</strong></td>
<td>4 credits, including 1 with instruction in algebra aligned with the Maryland High School Assessment for algebra or 1 or more credits in subsequent mathematics courses for which Algebra 1 is a prerequisite, and 1 with instruction in geometry aligned with the content standards for geometry. NEW STATE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018 AND LATER: Students graduating in 2018 and later must be enrolled in a math course in each year of high school. This may result in students earning more than 4 credits in math for graduation.</td>
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<td><strong>Physical Education</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Science</strong></td>
<td>3 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) credits, including 1 life science credit (BC) and 1 physical science credit (PC). Courses satisfying this requirement are designated in the course bulletin.</td>
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<td><strong>Social Studies</strong></td>
<td>3 credits, 1 U.S. History credit; 1 World History credit; and 1 National, State, and 1 Local Government credit required.</td>
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<td><strong>Technology Education (TE)</strong></td>
<td>1 credit designated TE. Courses satisfying this requirement are designated in the course bulletin. Advanced Technology (AT) courses do not satisfy the TE course requirement.</td>
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## Student Service Learning (SSL)

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- **75 service-learning hours**
- The SSL requirement is prorated for students enrolling in MCPS for the first time after Grade 6.

## Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)

### High School Assessment (HSA) Requirements

1. **Algebra 1**
   - Course credit earned in Algebra 1 AND
   - Pass the Algebra 1 assessment

2. **English 10**
   - Course credit earned in English 10 or equivalent, or English 10 for ELs AND
   - Pass the English Language Arts/Literacy 10 assessment

3. **Government**
   - Course credit earned in National, State, and Local Government or equivalent AND
   - Pass the Government assessment

4. **Science**
   - Take the HSA MISA during 2020–2021 or 2021–2022, OR
   - Pass the High School Science Assessment

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1 Substitute Test: Students earning qualifying scores on substitute tests (AP/IB) will meet the MCAP HSA requirement in that content area.
2 Transfer Credit: Students transferring from outside Maryland public schools may be eligible to meet some MCAP HSA content-area requirements with transfer credit.
3 Combined test score options are available for the assessments.
4 Bridge Plan: The Bridge Plan is an alternative means of meeting the MCAP HSA graduation requirement. With the Bridge Plan, students demonstrate content mastery by completing projects when they have difficulty passing the traditional test.