



Students entering 9th Grade during the 2018-2020 School Year

BCPS Graduation Requirements at-a-Glance

The Baltimore County Public Schools Graduation Requirements are outlined on this page.
 All Baltimore County Public Schools offer the required core courses. Electives are courses other than the core courses.
 Students must meet Maryland high school assessment requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education.

COURSE CREDITS			
English	4 credits		
Social Studies	3.5 credits 1 American Government credit, 1 World History credit, 1 United States History credit and a .5 Economics credit are required.		
Mathematics	3 credits 1 credit must be Algebra and 1 credit must be Geometry. Most colleges require at least Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2. MARYLAND STATE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018 AND LATER: Students graduating in 2018 and later must be enrolled in a math course during each year of high school. This may result in students earning more than 4 credits in math upon graduation. <i>Students should consult counselors or math instructors about their mathematics sequence.</i>		
Science	3 credits 1 credit must be Biology or Living Systems. High school required courses are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), including Earth, Physical or Life sciences. <i>Students should consult counselors or science instructors about their science sequence.</i>		
Physical Education	1 credit		
Health	.5 credit		
Technology Education	1 credit		
Fine Arts	1 credit		
Completer Program: completion of at least one of the following sequences	Successful completion of a State-approved career and technical education program*	2 credits in World Language earned in high school AND 2 credits in any elective (science and math electives are recommended)	2 credits in Advanced Technology courses AND 2 credits in any elective
	3 or 4 credit CTE programs - any additional elective is needed for programs that require a minimum of 3-credits		
STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING			
75 hours of pre-approved student service learning			



Students entering 9th Grade during the 2021-2022 School Year BCPS Graduation Requirements at-a-Glance

Beginning with students entering the 9th grade class in the 2021—2022 school year, to be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in Baltimore County Public Schools and shall have earned a minimum of **22.5** credits that include the following specified credits: **Students must also meet Maryland high school assessment requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education.**

COURSE CREDITS	
English	4 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits 1 American Government credit, 1 World History credit, 1 United States History credit and a .5 Economics credit are required.
Mathematics	4 credits 1 credit must be Algebra, 1 credit must be Geometry, and two additional math courses. Students must be enrolled in a math course each year of high school. <i>Students should consult math instructors about their mathematics sequence.</i>
Science	3 credits High school courses including one credit in physical science, one credit in Earth/space science or a course with the topics of Earth/space science integrated, and one credit in Life Science. <i>Students should consult science instructors about their science sequence.</i>
Physical Education	1 credit
Health	1 credit - .5 credit in grade 9 or 10 and .5 credit in grade 11 or 12
Technology Education	1 credit - computer science*, engineering, or technology education
Fine Arts	1 credit
Completer Program: completion of at least one of the following sequences <i>*See CTE approved courses and completer programs in this guide</i>	Successful completion of a State-approved career and technical education program* 3 or 4 credit CTE programs - any additional elective is needed for programs that require a minimum of 3-credits 2 credits of the <u>same</u> World Language earned in high school, including American Sign Language and 2 credits in any elective (Science and math electives are recommended)
STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING	
75 hours of pre-approved student service learning	