

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Below are graduation requirements for the state of Maryland. Charles County Public Schools have posted their requirements on their website: [CCPS Requirements for a Maryland Diploma](#). However, per COMAR 13A.03.02.01C, local education agencies can have graduation requirements beyond the minimum requirements established by the state.

MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in a Maryland public school system and have earned a minimum of **21** credits that include the following:

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits √ 1 in algebra/data analysis √ 1 in geometry
Science	3 credits √ 1 in biology √ 2 that must include laboratory experience in any or all of the following areas: earth science, life science, physical science
Social Studies	3 credits √ 1 in U.S. history √ 1 in world history √ 1 in local, state, national government
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	½ credit
Health	½ credit
Technology Education	1 credit
Financial Literacy	1 credit
Other	2 credits of World Language or Advanced Technology coursework and 4 credits of academic/career electives

OR

6 credits through the completion of a state-approved career and technology education program and academic/career electives

Students must take the Maryland High School Assessments for English II, Algebra/Data Analysis, Biology and Government. Students must achieve one of the following: (1) the passing score on each test, (2) a combined overall score of at least 1602, (3) a specific score on an MSDE-approved comparable assessment, or (4) the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation.

CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in a Charles County public high school and have earned a minimum of **23** credits that include the following:

*This list is for students entering high school by Fall 2013 and beyond. For those who entered in 2012, please see the [website](#).

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Specific Credit Requirements</u>
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 in algebra • 1 in geometry
Science	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 in biology • 2 in other lab sciences <p style="margin-left: 40px;">∑ Recommended sequence: Earth and Space, Biology, Chemistry</p>
Social Studies	3 credits (Recommended sequence) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSN Government • U.S. History • World History
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	½ credit: Fitness for Life
Health	½ credit
Technology Education	1 credit
Financial Literacy	1 credit
Other	2 credits of World Language and 4 credits of academic/career electives <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p>2 credits of Advanced Technology coursework and at least 4 credits of academic/career electives</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p>6 credits through the completion of a state-approved career and technology education program and academic/career electives</p>
High School Assessment	Students entering Fall 2013 and beyond must take the Maryland High School Assessments for Biology and Government. <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Please click on the link below for additional Maryland New Statewide Tests –the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments.</p> <p style="margin-top: 5px;">http://www.msde.state.md.us/w/Top5HSTesting0214.pdf</p>

Students must also meet attendance, service learning requirements and the Maryland High School Assessment (HAS) requirement.