

## A PARENT'S GUIDE TO ACHIEVEMENT MATTERS MOST

HSA scores are published on [www.mdreportcard.org](http://www.mdreportcard.org) for schools, school systems, and the state. Within nine weeks after testing, the testing company sends students' scores to the local school system. The school system then sends the scores to parents.

### Does my child have to pass the HSA to graduate?

Beginning with the graduating class of 2009 (ninth-graders in the 2005-2006 school year), students must pass the High School Assessments to earn a Maryland High School Diploma. The passing scores are: English (396), algebra/data analysis (412), government (394), and biology (400).

If students do not pass all four tests, they may still satisfy the High School Assessments requirement by using the Combined Score Option. To use this option, the combined total of a student's four HSA scores must be at least 1602, with no score below 386 in English, 402 in algebra, 391 in biology, and 387 in government.

### High School Assessments

#### Passing Scores

English	396
algebra/data analysis	412
biology	400
government	394

#### Combined Score Option

If students do not pass one or more HSA, they can still fulfill the HSA graduation requirement if they earn at least the minimum scores below **and the combined total of their HSA scores is at least 1602.**

English	386
algebra/data analysis	402
biology	391
government	387