

## A PARENT'S GUIDE TO ACHIEVEMENT MATTERS MOST

# MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

## What are the requirements for the Maryland High School Diploma?

A student must be enrolled in a Maryland public school system, have earned 21 state-specified credits (see the chart below), have met the state's attendance and service-learning requirements, and have met all local school system requirements, *which may include additional credit requirements.*

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements	High School Assessments
English	4 credits	<p><b>Beginning with the graduating class of 2009</b>, students must take and pass the Maryland High School Assessments.</p> <p><b>Students graduating before 2009</b> are required to take the assessments but passing is not required.</p>
Mathematics	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 in algebra/data analysis</li> <li>• 1 in geometry</li> <li>• 1 other</li> </ul>	
Science	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 in biology</li> <li>• 2 that must include laboratory experience in any or all of the following areas: earth science, life science, physical science</li> </ul>	
Social Studies	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 in U.S. history</li> <li>• 1 in world history</li> <li>• 1 in local, state, national government</li> </ul>	
Fine Arts	1 credit	
Physical Education	1/2 credit	
Health	1/2 credit	
Technology Education	1 credit	
Other	2 credits of foreign language or American Sign Language <b>or</b> 2 credits of advanced technology education <b>and</b> 3 credits in electives <b>or</b> 4 credits by successfully completing a state-approved career & technology program <b>and</b> 1 credit in an elective	