

Online HSA Help

For Teachers

Students who entered grade 9 in or after 2005 must take and pass the High School Assessments, or HSAs, in order to graduate. The Maryland State Department of Education has created free, online courses that you can use to help your students master HSA content. Two of the four tested subjects, Algebra/Data Analysis and Government, are already online. English 2 and Biology will be added in fall 2007. The online courses are aligned with the Voluntary State Curriculum and Maryland's Core Learning Goals. The lesson and unit assessments in each course follow the HSAs' multiple-choice and written-response question format.

There are **two ways** for teachers to use online HSA courses . . .

- 1.** General access to all interactive content without the need for registration or training.
- 2.** Full access with assessment options, student progress tracking, and customizable features. Training is available and required for this level of access.

The online courses can:

- Be incorporated into regular instruction.
- Supplement your intervention and remediation efforts.
- Extend regular instruction for students who are absent, need extra practice, or need extended learning time.
- Help involve parents and other educators in the learning process.



Maryland High School Assessments
Algebra/Data Analysis • Government • Biology • English

Option 1

Access to general course content

You CAN ...

- Access the interactive features of the online content and the formative assessments

You CANNOT ...

- Enroll students in the course
- Access end-of-lesson and end-of-unit assessments
- Use data from the course to monitor student progress and inform instruction
- Tailor the course to meet your students' needs

Steps to Access HSA Online

1. Go to msde.mdk12online.org.
2. Sign in using the following Username/Password.

Content Area	Username	Password
Algebra/Data Analysis	Algebra	student
Biology	Biology	student
English 2	English	student
Government	Government	student

3. Read the directions in the News section.

Option 2

Access to course content and all customizable features.

Steps to Access HSA Online

1. Once you have completed the required professional development for using the online courses, go to **HSAexam.org**. *(If you have not completed the required training and want to use the courses, contact your school system's content supervisor.)*
2. Click on the link to register for the online HSA course.
3. Complete the registration form.

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For questions and additional resources, email **onlinehsa@msde.state.md.us**.

For more information about the HSAs, go to **HSAexam.org**.

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