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### MCPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE

Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements			
<b>English</b>	<b>4 credits</b>			
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 credit</b> (Selected courses in art, dance, drama/theater, and music that satisfy the fine arts requirement are designated <b>FA</b> )			
<b>Health Education</b>	<b>0.5 credit</b>			
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4 credits**</b> (1 full-year (A/B) algebra credit, 1 geometry credit) Students who successfully complete a calculus course may be exempted from this 4-credit requirement.  NEW STATE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018 AND LATER: Students graduating in 2018 and later must be enrolled in a math course each year in grades 9 through 12.			
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1 credit**</b>			
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 credits</b> (1 biology credit, designated <b>BC</b> , and 1 physical science credit, designated <b>PC</b> , must be included)			
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 credits</b> (1 U.S. History credit; 1 World History credit; and 1 National, State, and Local Government credit)			
<b>Technology Education</b>	<b>1 credit</b> (designated <b>TE</b> )			
<b>Electives</b> : The additional credits required for graduation may be fulfilled by one of the following three options <i>Completer Program</i>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>OPTION 1</b> <b>2 credits</b> in a foreign language <b>OR 2 credits</b> in american sign language <b>AND 2.5 credits</b> in elective courses</td> <td><b>OPTION 2</b> <b>2 credits</b> in advanced technology education, <b>AT AND 2.5 credits</b> in elective courses</td> <td><b>OPTION 3</b> <b>4 credits</b> in a state-approved career and technology program <b>AND</b> <b>0.5 credit</b> in electives courses</td> </tr> </table>	<b>OPTION 1</b> <b>2 credits</b> in a foreign language <b>OR 2 credits</b> in american sign language <b>AND 2.5 credits</b> in elective courses	<b>OPTION 2</b> <b>2 credits</b> in advanced technology education, <b>AT AND 2.5 credits</b> in elective courses	<b>OPTION 3</b> <b>4 credits</b> in a state-approved career and technology program <b>AND</b> <b>0.5 credit</b> in electives courses
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<b>Student Service Learning (SSL)</b>	75 service-learning hours			
<b>Assessment Requirements</b>				
<b>High School Assessments</b>	Students must meet the Maryland High School Assessments requirements for English, algebra/data analysis, and biology. Students entering Grade 9 in 2013-2013 and beyond are required to pass the Government HSA.			

**Promotion Regulation**

MCPS Regulation JEB-RA, Placement, Promotion, Acceleration, and Retention of Students, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/jebra.pdf>, requires that high school students earn five credits each year in order to be promoted, including specific required credits in English, mathematics, science, and social studies as indicated in the chart below.

End Of:	Total Credits Needed for Promotion to Next Grade	Total Credits in Required Courses					Other Courses - See Options Required for Graduation
		Math	English	Science	Social Studies		
Grade 9	5	1	1	0	0	3	
Grade 10	10	2	2	1	1	4	
Grade 11	15	3	3	2	2	5	

\*\* MCPS requirements that extend state requirements are designated by double asterisk.

Use the MCPS Graduation Requirements at a Glance Document to answer the following questions

1. How many English credits do you need?
2. Which categories of classes satisfy the Fine Arts requirement?
3. How is the math requirement different starting with the class of 2018?
4. Of the \_\_\_\_\_ required math classes one must be \_\_\_\_\_ and another must be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Students are required to have \_\_\_\_\_ science credits. One class must be \_\_\_\_\_ and another must be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What three social studies classes are required?
7. What are the 4 options for *Completer Programs*?
8. How many Student Service Learning Hours are required?
9. To pass from Grade 9 to Grade 10 you must earn \_\_\_\_\_ credits. One credit must be \_\_\_\_\_ and another must be \_\_\_\_\_.
10. To pass from Grade 10 to Grade 11 you must have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ credits. How many credits are required in each subject area?
11. To pass from Grade 11 to Grade 12, you must have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ credits. How many credits are required in each subject area?