BCPS Graduation Requirements

Students entering 9th Grade during the 2019-2020 School Year

The Baltimore County Public Schools Graduation Requirements are outlined on this page. All Baltimore County Public Schools offer both required and elective courses. Students must meet Maryland high school assessment requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education. **IMPORTANT NOTE –** Graduation requirements are subject to change. Please check the BCPS website for updates or changes to credit requirements and/or assessment requirements.

COURSE CREDITS			
English	**4 credits**		
Social Studies	**3.5 credits** 1 American Government credit, 1 World History credit, 1 United States History credit and a .5 Economics credit are required.		
Mathematics	**3 credits** 1 credit must be Algebra and 1 credit must be Geometry. Most colleges require at least Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2. **MARYLAND STATE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2018 AND LATER:** Students graduating in 2018 and later must be enrolled in a math course during each year of high school. *Students should consult counselors or math instructors about their mathematics sequence.*		
Science	**3 credits** 1 credit must be earned in Biology or Living Systems. High school students must take high school level science courses that meet all Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). *Students should consult counselors and science instructors about their science sequence.*		
Physical Education	**1 credit**		
Health	**.5 credit**		
Technology Education	**1 credit**		
Fine Arts	**1 credit**		
Completion of at least one of the following completer sequences	**4 credits** in a specified sequence of courses in an approved Career & Technology Education Program	**2 credits** in World Language earned in high school AND **2 credits** in any elective (science and math electives are recommended)	**2 credits** in Advanced Technology courses AND **2 credits** in any elective
STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING			
75 hours of pre-approved student service learning			