

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from a Maryland secondary school, students must earn a minimum of 21 credits beyond the 8th grade required by the Maryland State Board of Education. FCPS requires 4 additional credits: 1 in math, 2 in the student's career pathway for the class of 2008 and earlier, and 3 for the class of 2009 and beyond, and 1 graduation project credit for the class of 2008 and earlier. Requirements are outlined below.

- English 4 credits
- Social Studies 3 credits
(including Government, American Studies II and Modern World History)
- Science 3 credits
- Mathematics 4 credits
- Physical Education 1/2 credit
- Health 1/2 credit
- Fine Arts 1 credit
(Music, Art, Drama)
- Technology Education 1 credit
- Choice of one of the following:
 - Advanced Technology 2 credits
 - Foreign Language 2 credits
 - State-Approved Career and Technology Program
- Electives 3 credits
(chosen from offerings in any curricular area)
- Graduation Project 1 credit*
(class of 2008 and earlier)
- Student's career pathway** 2 credits
(class of 2008 and earlier)
- Student's career pathway** 3 credits
(class of 2009 and beyond)

* High school counselors can provide a pamphlet that describes Graduation Project requirements.

** The FCPS Career Planning Tool and the High School Course Offering Guide list career pathways.

Students must also take the HSAs and beginning with the class of 2009 must pass them to graduate. See page 35.

Student Service Learning



FCPS has an approved service-learning program that meets the Maryland graduation requirement. The program integrates service learning into specific courses in grades 6-12. It encourages student involvement in service beyond the classroom through recognition for meritorious service. Each middle and high school has a teacher coordinator to facilitate implementation of the service-learning program. The high school service-learning coordinator is the contact for students interested in working with community agencies and/or serving as tutors.★

Transcript Grades

FCPS provides weighted and unweighted grade point averages and class rank on all transcripts. Additional information is available from high school counselors. ★



CLASS OF 2008 END-OF-YEAR SCHEDULE

SCHOOL	LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION* AND FINAL EXAMS	FINAL EXAMINATIONS* MAKE-UP	GRADUATION
Rock Creek***	May 16		May 16
Flexible Evening High***	May 15	May 16	May 22
Frederick High** and Governor Thomas Johnson High***	May 23	May 27	June 2
Middletown High** and Linganore High***	May 27	May 28	June 3
Walkersville High** and Catoctin High***	May 28	May 29	June 4
Urbana High** and Brunswick High***	May 29	May 30	June 5
Tuscarora High**	May 30	June 2	June 6

*Dates are subject to change in the event of emergency school closings.

**1 p.m. graduation
***7 p.m. graduation