

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	SECTION 405
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405 Graduation Requirements – 25 credits

The mission of a high school in the Frederick County Public School System is to challenge and to help students grow intellectually, personally, and socially. Students should be prepared for lifelong learning experiences as well as for post high school education and employment.

A. State Requirements

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Credits</i>
▪ English	4
▪ Science	3 (one must be Biology)
▪ Mathematics	3 (one must be Algebra w/data analysis & one must be Geometry)
▪ Social Studies	3 (Government, American Studies & World History)
▪ Fine Arts	1
▪ Technology Education	1
▪ Physical Education	½
▪ Health	½
▪ Advanced Technology OR Foreign Language OR State-Approved CTE program	2
▪ Electives	<u>3</u>
STATE REQUIREMENTS	21 credits

B. Additional Local Requirements

For Class of 2008 and earlier:

▪ Mathematics	1 (one add'l elective beyond the state minimum of 3)
▪ Graduation Project	1
▪ Electives	<u>2</u> (student selected career pathway electives that can be changed during a student's high school career)

For Class of 2009 and beyond:

• Mathematics	1 (one add'l elective beyond the state minimum of 3)
• Electives	<u>3</u> (student selected career pathway electives that can be changed during a student's high school career)

LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

4 credits

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C. Assessment Requirements

Maryland High School Assessments must be taken by all students. Students in the class of 2009 and beyond must meet passage requirements for the assessments as established by MSDE to earn a diploma.

- Algebra w/data analysis
- Biology
- English 2
- Government

D. Total Requirements for Graduation from Frederick County Public Schools

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	25 credits
	Take/Pass HSA

E. Additional Competency Prerequisites

Participation in approved programs in:*

- World of Work
- Survival Skills
- Arts/Physical Education

* All competency objectives in these areas are included in the Frederick County education curriculum.

F. Student Service Requirement

G. Alternatives to Four-Year Enrollment

Students shall satisfactorily complete four (4) years of approved study beyond 8th grade unless one (1) of the alternatives is satisfied in the COMAR State Board of Education Graduation Requirement Bylaw and Frederick County Public Schools Regulation 400-34 – “Alternatives to Four-Year Enrollment.”

NOTE: Cross-reference Regulation 500-10 – “Placement, Promotion, and Grouping of Students”