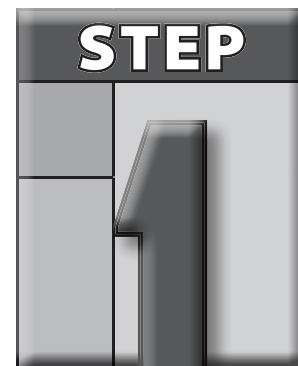


GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



To obtain a Maryland High School Diploma, FCPS students must earn **25 credits** and fulfill the state and local graduation requirements outlined on this page.

Note: Course availability depends on class enrollment and staffing. Graduation requirements are subject to change. Online options are possible for some courses.

SUBJECT AREA	CREDITS	COURSES
English	4	1–English 9 1–English 10 1–English 11 AP Language and Composition or English 101 Dual Enrollment Option or IB 1–English 12 or AP Language and Composition or AP Literature and Composition or Dual Enrollment Options or IB
Mathematics	4	1–Algebra 1–Geometry 2–Other courses Students must enroll in a mathematics course each year of high school.
Science	3	1–Biology 2–Other lab courses Maryland State Science Standards aligned lab courses (PES/ABP, Biology and Chemistry/Fundamentals of Chemistry or Environmental Science are recommended).
Social Studies	3	1–American Studies 2 or AP United States History Yearlong 1–Government or AP Government & Politics 1–Modern World History or AP World History Modern
Health	0.5 1.0	Health – Students who entered the 9th grade before the 2021-2022 school year are required to earn .5 credit of Health education Health – Students who entered the 9th grade during the 2021-2022 school year or after are required to earn 1 credit of Health education
Physical Education	0.5	Fitness for Life
Fine Arts	1	Courses marked with double asterisk [**] in <i>Arts: Visual & Performing</i> section of course guide
Computer Science and Engineering	1	Engineering Design Applications, Foundations of Computer Science, Pre-Engineering (OHS) or Introduction to Engineering Design (LHS, THS, WHS)
Career Pathways	3-4 minimum	Complete these credits in courses that match your career interest.
Financial Literacy	.5	See page 4 for course options.
FULFILL THE ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) COURSE CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION VIA ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:		
Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
World Language/American Sign Language–2 credits in the same language AND Three (3) elective credits	Effective 2022-23, MSDE will no longer recognize Advanced Tech as a completer. Students who started the program in 21-22 or prior are able to finish the completer for a graduation requirement.	Successful completion of a state approved CTE program of study AND One (1) elective credit
ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY	Meet the state requirement (infused into the FCPS curriculum).	
GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS	During school year 22-23, state assessments are to be counted as 20% of a student's course grade in Algebra 1, English 10, Government and Biology See page 13, step 4.	
STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING	Meet the state requirement of 75 hours (infused into the FCPS curriculum).	