Graduation Requirements

We follow the same requirements as the State of Maryland and Montgomery County Public Schools.

Subject Area	Credits	Description	Notes
English	4		
Social Studies	3	U.S History (1) National, State and Local Government (1) World History (1)	*Course content must focus exclusively on national history. *Course content must include Maryland state and local government.
Science	3	Biology (1) Physical Science (1) Earth, life, or physical science (1)	*Laboratory experience must be integral to the course.
Mathematics	4	Must include: Algebra (1) Geometry (1)	*Students who successfully complete the most advanced core math course offered by MCPS may waive other math requirements.
Physical Education	1		
Health Education	0.5		
Fine Arts	1		*Courses that satisfy the fine arts requirements are marked FA in the MCPS High School Course Bulletin
Technology Education	1		*Courses that satisfy the career and technology education requirement are marked TE in the the MCPS High School Course Bulletin

Additional Credit Requirements

In addition to the core credit requirements, a student is required to successfully complete one of the following options:

Option 1		Option 2		Option 3		Option 4	
Foreign Language	2	American Sign Language	2	Advanced Technology Education	2	State-Approved career and technology program	4
AND		AND		AND		AND	
Electives	2.5	Electives	2.5	**Electives**	2.5	Electives	2.5

c) Student Service Learning (SSL)
Students must complete the MSDE Student Service Learning requirement. Student service learning is distinguished from volunteering or community service by the opportunity it provides for students to improve their academic skills by applying what they learn in school to the real world. They then reflect on their experience to reinforce the link between their service and their learning. SSL requirements, acceptable service activities, and record keeping procedures are described on the MCPS Student Service Learning website.

SSL Hours as Required by Graduating Class:	
Graduating Classes	SSL Hours
2008-2010	60
2011 and later	75