

2020-2021 GRADUATION ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

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The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) regulates graduation assessment requirements and information is subject to change per the MSDE.

COVID WAIVERS GRANTED BY MSDE	
Algebra I English 10	<p>Any student slated to test for the first time, retest, or complete a Bridge Plan project during the 2019-2020 school year and passed the respective course (Algebra I and/or English 10) before or during the 2019-2020 school year, receives a COVID waiver for the graduation assessment requirement for the respective content.</p> <p><i>Note: If student is enrolled for the first time^{^^} in a course during the 2020-2021 school year or has not yet passed the course, the student must take and pass the corresponding graduation assessment in May 2021. See minimum scores below.</i></p>
Government	<p>Any student slated to test for the first time, retest, or complete a Bridge Plan project during the 2019-2020 school year and passed the American Government course before or during the 2019-2020 school year, receives a COVID waiver for the graduation assessment requirement for the respective content.</p> <p><i>Note: If a senior graduating in 2020-2021 school year has not yet met the Government assessment requirement, the student must pass the course in order to be waived from participating or passing the assessment per the MSDE waiver on December 7, 2020. is enrolled in American Government for the first time, the student may be eligible for the High School Assessment Waiver in Government. The student must pass the course and participate in the HSA Government assessment during the January assessment administration. School Test Coordinators must contact the Office of Accountability to confirm student eligibility and apply for this waiver.</i></p>
HS MISA (Science)	<p>Any student slated to test for the first time, retest, or complete a Bridge Plan project during the 2019-2020 school year and passed at least one of the courses: Biology; Chemistry; Earth and Environmental Systems (EES); Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC); or Physics before or during the 2019-2020 school year, receives a COVID waiver for the graduation assessment requirement for science.</p> <p><i>Note: If student is enrolled for the first time in one of the science courses noted above during the 2020-2021 school year or has not yet passed at least one of the courses noted above, then student must participate in High School Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (HS MISA) in May 2021.</i></p>
<p>^{^^}Seniors graduating in the 2020-2021 school year, taking the Algebra I and/or English 10 MCAP will meet the graduation assessment requirement for Algebra I and/or English 10. Students must pass the Algebra I and English 10 courses. These students are also exempt from completing a Bridge Project for Algebra I and/or English 10. Please see the MSDE October 2020 Memo.</p>	

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12 Graduating c/o 2020-2021	Algebra I*	<p><i>Passed the Algebra I course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC Algebra I:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
	English 10*	<p><i>Passed the English 10 course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC English 10:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
	Government	<p><i>Passed the Government course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following for HSA Government:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass HSA Government pass (394+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Meet through Bridge Plan • Receive COVID Waiver*. • Receive the MSDE Government Senior Waiver via pass the course and graduate during the 2020-2021 school year.
	Science	<p><i>Passed at least one of the following courses in 2019-2020 or prior: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, EES, or IPC must meet one of the following for MCAP/ High School Assessment in Science:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSA Biology Pass (400+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Participate in HSA Biology or HS MISA during Summer 2016-January 2020. • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Receive COVID Waiver*.
<p><i>*Note: Students graduating in 2020-2021 can meet the assessment through participation in Algebra I and/or English 10 if they pass the course and participate in the assessment at least one time per the February 2020 MSDE Memo.</i></p>		

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11 Graduating c/o 2021-2022	Algebra I	<p><i>Passed the Algebra I course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC Algebra I:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
	English 10	<p><i>Passed the English 10 course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC English 10:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
	Government	<p><i>Passed the Government course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following for HSA Government:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass HSA Government pass (394+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Meet through Bridge Plan • Receive COVID Waiver*.
	Science	<p><i>Passed at least one of the following courses in 2019-2020 or prior: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, EES, or IPC must meet one of the following for MCAP/ High School Assessment in Science:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSA Biology Pass (400+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Participate in HSA Biology or HS MISA during Summer 2016-January 2020. • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Receive COVID Waiver*.

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10 Graduating c/o 2022-2023 <i>Note: Two options per content based on student previously passing course or if student is first-time enrolled in the course this school year.</i>	Algebra I	<i>Passed the Algebra I course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC Algebra I:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
		<i>Enrolled in Algebra I course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+).
	English 10	<i>Passed the English 10 course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC English 10:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
		<i>Enrolled in English 10 course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+).
	Government	<i>Passed the Government course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following for HSA Government:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass HSA Government pass (394+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Meet through Bridge Plan • Receive COVID Waiver*.
		<i>Enrolled in Government course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass HSA Government pass (394+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Meet through Bridge Plan.
Science	<i>Passed at least one of the following courses in 2019-2020 or prior: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, EES, or IPC must meet one of the following for MCAP/ High School Assessment in Science:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSA Biology Pass (400+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Participate in HSA Biology or HS MISA during Summer 2016-January 2020. • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Receive COVID Waiver*. 	
	<i>Enrolled in one of the following courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) for the first time during the 2020-2021 school year with no earned credit in one of the courses must meet the MCAP/High School Assessment requirement the following way:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in HS MISA in May 2021. 	

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9 Graduating c/o 2023-2024 <i>Note: Two options for Algebra based on if student previously passed course or if student is first-time enrolled in the course this school year.</i>	Algebra I	<i>Passed the Algebra I course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC Algebra I:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
		<i>Enrolled in Algebra I course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+).
	English 10	<i>Enrolled in English 10 course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+).
	Government	<i>Enrolled in Government course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass HSA Government pass (394+). • Achieve <u>Combined HSA Score</u>. • Meet through Bridge Plan.
Science	<i>Enrolled in one of the following courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, EES, or IPC for the first time during the 2020-2021 school year with no earned credit in one of the courses must meet the MCAP/High School Assessment requirement the following way:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in HS MISA in May 2021. 	

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6-8	Algebra I	<i>Passed the Algebra I course in 2019-2020 or prior must meet one of the following ways for MCAP/PARCC Algebra I:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+). • Receive COVID Waiver*.
		<i>Enrolled in Algebra I course for the first time in 2020-2021 must meet the requirement one of the following ways:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass MCAP/PARCC (725+). • Meet through Bridge Plan. • Achieve combined score MCAP/PARCC (1450+).

Note for students in grades 6-8: Students take the assessment at the completion of the course. Algebra I is offered to students in middle and high school while English 10, Government, and Biology are only offered in high school. Assessment requirements are determined by the Maryland State Department of Education and are subject to change. HCPS will provide the MSDE guidance for current middle school students regarding English 10, Government, and Biology once the students are enrolled in high school.