

**Policy Statement # 3010 (Students) of the Board of Education  
Regarding Graduation Requirements**

- I. Purpose
  - A. To ensure that Calvert County Public Schools sets high school graduation requirements that reflect rigorous academic standards and prepare students to enter postsecondary education, employment, or both
- II. Definitions:
  - A. Credit –successful completion of a specified unit of study
  - B. Maryland High School Diploma – The official state document issued to a student certifying fulfillment of the minimum enrollment, credit count, state assessments and student service learning requirements
- III. Policy Statement
  - A. The Board of Education is committed to preparing students for the demands of the 21st century global workforce. To ensure that each student’s high school program of study meets rigorous academic standards, Calvert County Public Schools’ high school students must acquire 23½ credits before being awarded a Maryland High School Diploma. All high school students must obtain, at a minimum, the following credits in addition to the graduation requirements set by the Maryland State Department of Education:
    - 1. 1 additional credit in mathematics;
    - 2. 1 additional credit in an area of the student’s personal interest to support a well-rounded education; and,
    - 3. ½ credit in financial literacy.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
  - A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
  - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective July 16, 2020.

Citations

State Law: §7-205 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.03.02.01-12

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation: