

Class of 2023

Eight Things We Want You To Know About High School





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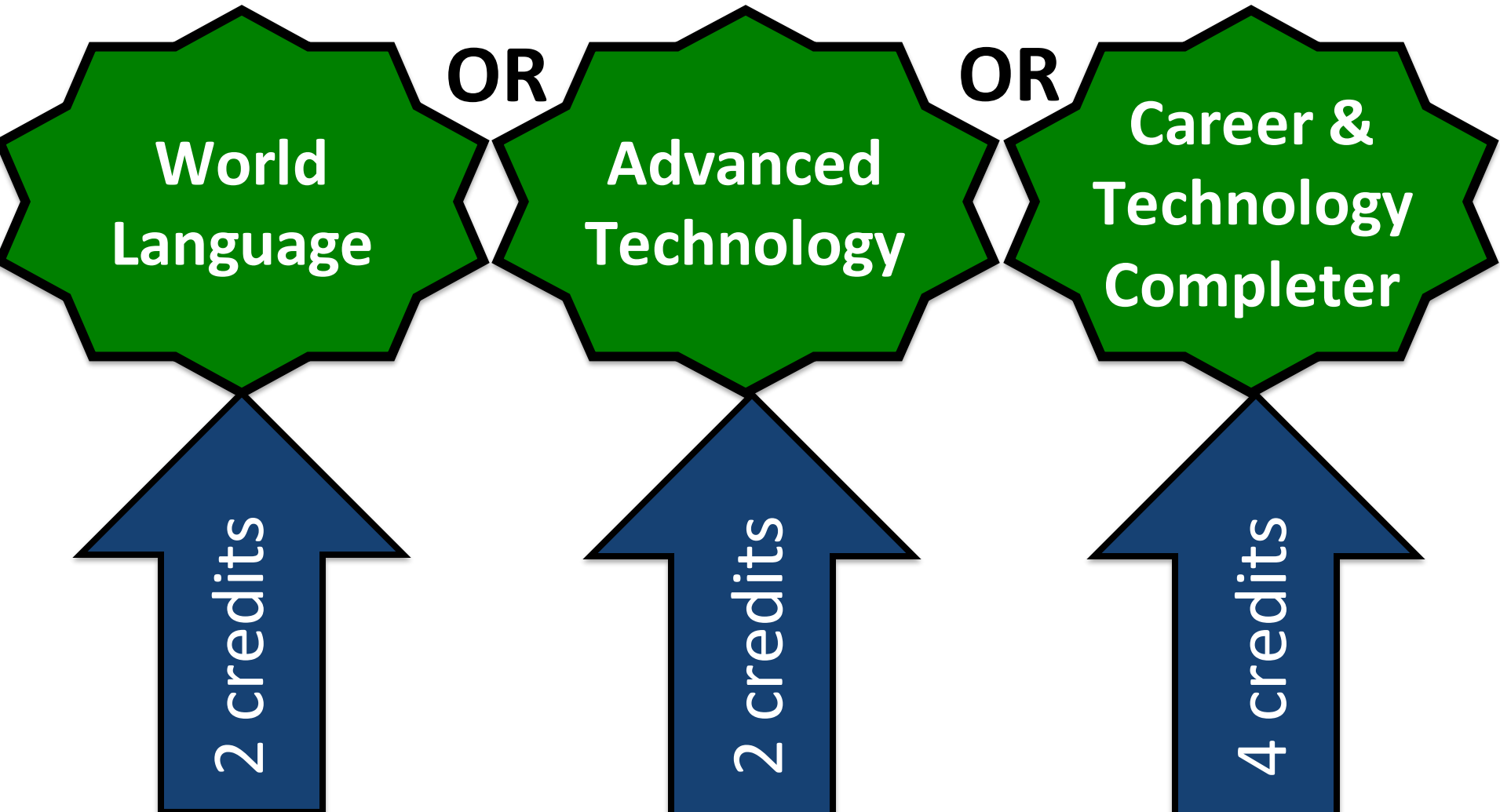
Credit Requirements

Subject	# of Credits	Subject	# of Credits
English	4	Health	½
Social Studies	3	Lifetime Fitness	½
Mathematics*	3	Technology Ed.	1
Science	3	Program Choice	2 - 4
Fine Arts	1	Electives	1 - 3

Total: 21 credits

*Math participation required in each of 4 years of high school.

Program Choice Options





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Additional Graduation Requirements

**Credit
Requirements**

**Service
Learning**



**High School
Assessments**

**Career
Preparation**

High School Assessments

Math

PARCC Assessment

English

PARCC Assessment

Government

High School
Assessment

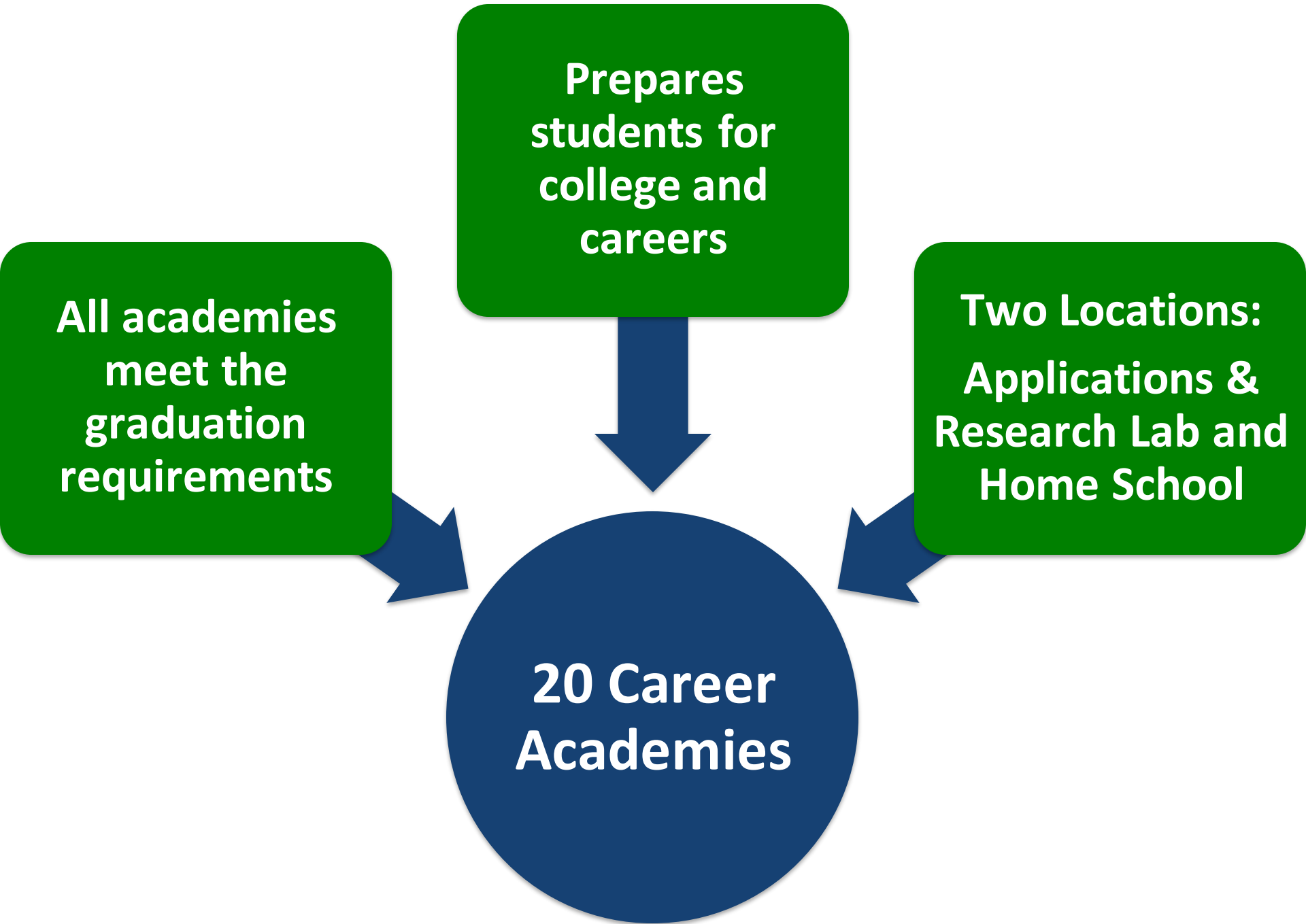
Science

Maryland Integrated
Science Assessment



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Career Academies





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Selecting Classes

The Course Selection Process

Eighth grade teacher makes course recommendation

Your child's middle school counselor communicates information regarding courses and course registration using Synergy

Parent and student review and complete registration using Synergy

Middle School counselor reviews request form and finalizes for high school

Online Registration

HCPSS Connect Online Course Requests

Howard County Public School System Office of Accountability Document: HCPSS105 ORevision Date: 01/08/2018



About Online Course Requests

Students and parents/guardians will make course requests for electives and alternates online through HCPSS Connect. Please note the following when making your course requests:

- Use the Catalog of Approved High School Courses to review course selections. Please note course descriptions and prerequisites.
- If you do not have access to a computer, need assistance, or want to make changes after the form due date, please contact the counseling office at your student's school.
- If you have concerns about or disagree with any of the course recommendations, you may complete the reverse side of High School Course Registration Form that was sent home.
- Select electives to ensure that you have seven credits requested.
- Select three courses to be used as alternates if an elective is not available or there is a scheduling conflict.

Select Course Requests

1. Access the HCPSS Connect website.
2. On the Home page, click on the **Course Request** option in the left panel. A page displays the student's current recommendations for core classes and graduation status summary.

Course ID	Department	Course Title	Credits	College Prep	Credits	Comments
1	English Language Arts	English II	1.00	Yes	1.00	
2	Mathematics	Geometry	1.00	Yes	1.00	
3	Science	Biology	1.00	Yes	1.00	
4	Social Studies	American Government	1.00	Yes	1.00	
						7.00

Subject Area	Requested	Completed	In Progress	Credits for Requested Courses	Remaining Credits
English II	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
English III	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
English IV	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
U.S. History	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
American Government	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

3. To add additional requests, click the **Click here to change course requests** button.

4. Search for the course to add. You can search on one or multiple fields. You can search by:
 - Department
 - Course Title
 - Course ID
 - Elective Yes or No

Course ID	Department	Course Title	Course ID	Elective	College Prep	Credits	Comments
1	Science	Environmental Science	SC-300-1	Yes	1.00		
2	Science	Physics C: E & M	SC-310-1	Yes	1.00		
3	Science	Physics C: Mechanics	SC-311-1	Yes	1.00		

5. Click **Search Courses**. Courses that match your criteria display.
6. Select the **Request** or **Alternate** button to add that course to the list of requests at the top.
7. Click the **Click here to move selected request to Selected Course Requests** button.
8. Repeat to add courses until you have seven (7) credits in the **Selected Course Requests** list and three credits in the **Alternate Elective Requests** list.

Course ID	Department	Course Title	Course ID	Elective	College Prep	Credits	Comments
1	English Language Arts	English II	LA-300-1	Yes	1.00		
2	Mathematics	Geometry	MA-310-1	Yes	1.00		
3	Science	Anatomy & Physiology	SC-301-1	Yes	1.00		
4	Science	Biology	SC-300-1	Yes	1.00		
5	Social Studies	American Government	SO-301-1	Yes	1.00		
6	Social Studies	European History AP	SO-300-1	Yes	1.00		
7	World Language	French II	WL-300-1	Yes	1.00		
						7.00	

Course ID	Department	Course Title	Course ID	Elective	College Prep	Credits	Comments
1	Music	Music I	MA-400-1	Yes	1.00		
2	English Language Arts	Yearbook I	LA-310-1	Yes	1.00		

9. Click the **Click here to return to course request summary** button to return to the summary page. The **Graduation Status Summary** table will update to reflect the courses selected for next year.
10. Review your course requests and make any adjustments as necessary.



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A Typical Day for a Ninth Grader

A Typical Ninth Grade Schedule

English 9
United States History
Mathematics
Science
Health/ Lifetime Fitness
World Language (Program Choice)
Fine Art or Tech Ed



**You
Will
Choose**



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Health and Balance

BALANCE

Points to remember:

- Rigor of courses and outside work
- Extracurricular activities
- Time for healthy activities [exercise, rest etc.]
- Family commitments
- Priorities and life goals



Balance is the key to everything in life, when you lean more towards one side you neglect the other



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Student Reflections



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Important Dates

DATE	ACTIVITY
January 7 - 18	Students and parents review teacher recommendations, complete online requests and submit Course Waiver forms to Student Services no later than January 18, 2019.
June 5th	Eighth graders visit high school
Week of August 12	Students receive finalized course list for 2019-2020 school year
August 29th	High School Orientation

Questions?