

# High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

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1. **If a student currently enrolled in high school fails an Algebra/Data Analysis course at the end of the 2013-2014 and also fails the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA this spring (2014), and then takes an Algebra I, Maryland College-and-Career Ready (MCCR) course during the 2014-2015 school year, is this student's high school graduation requirement Algebra/Data Analysis HSA or PARCC Algebra I?**

In this scenario, the student's high school graduation assessment requirement would be either the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA or PARCC Algebra I.

**\* What if a student passes the Algebra I course but fails the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA in the school year 2013-2014, does the student retake the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA or take PARCC Algebra I assessment to meet their graduation assessment requirement?**

In this scenario, the student would retake the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA and could move to the Bridge Validation Program after two failed attempts at the test.

**\* Would the answers to these questions also apply to a student taking English 10 in the 2013-2014 school years?**

Yes, a student who takes English 10 in the 2013-2014 school year and fails the English HSA would continue to be required to meet the high school graduation assessment requirement by retaking the English HSA. To enter the Bridge Validation Program for English 10, the student must have passed the English 10 course and have failed the English HSA twice.

2. **Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-2015 will take PARCC Algebra I to meet the high school graduation requirement. What if a student has not passed the PARCC Algebra I assessment by 12<sup>th</sup> grade? Will he/she be able to take it again in 12<sup>th</sup> grade or will he/she have to meet the graduation requirement through the Bridge Validation Program?**

In this scenario, if the student has attempted the PARCC Algebra I at least two times and has passed the MCCR Algebra I course, he/she will participate in the Bridge Validation Program (Proposed in amended COMAR 13A.03.02).

3. **Have students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade who take and pass the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA in the 2013-2014 school year met their Algebra graduation assessment requirement?**

Yes, 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2013-2014 school year who take and pass the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA have met their Algebra graduation assessment requirement. This includes 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Algebra and 8<sup>th</sup> graders receiving high school credit in Common Core Mathematics 8 supplemented with the Data Analysis unit.

**\* What about 7<sup>th</sup> graders who take and pass the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA in the 2013-2014 school year?**

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or below, who take and pass the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA have met their Algebra graduation assessment requirement only if they are receiving high school credit for their algebra course.

- 4. Can students who are meeting their graduation assessment requirements through HSA retake the tests more than 2 times or must they move to the Bridge Validation Program after two failed attempts?**

Students move to the Bridge Validation Program after two failed attempts. (Proposed in amended COMAR 13A.03.02).

- 5. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, what will be the “exemption” requirements for 10<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade out-of-state transfer students?**

The current “exemption” criteria as stated in COMAR 13A.03.02.12.B (2) will continue to be applicable to out-of-state students who transfer in as 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

- 6. What will be the graduation requirements for out-of-state transfer students who need to take high school assessments?**

Out-of-state transfer students who are expected to graduate in 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2016-2017 will meet their high school assessment requirements by taking the HSAs. Out-of-state transfer students, who graduate after the 2016-2017 school year, will meet their high school assessment requirements by taking the PARCC assessments in English Language Arts 10, and Algebra I. Government and biology HSAs remain the same.

- 7. What are the high school graduation assessment requirements for those students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the school years prior to the 2013-2014 school year (2012-2013, 2011-2012, 2010-2011)? Are any of the PARCC assessments required for graduation?**

Students who entered grade 9 prior to the 2013-2014 school year will meet their high school graduation assessment requirements by taking the HSAs; no PARCC assessments will be needed as graduation requirements.

- 8. Some students will be meeting their graduation assessment requirements by taking the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA and the PARCC English 10. Will there be a new combined score option that these students will need to meet or will they still meet either the 1208 or 1602 scores?**

Standard setting for the PARCC tests will occur in summer 2015. The passing score identified in that process for PARCC English 10 and PARCC Algebra I will be used to calculate the combined score option total students will need in order to meet the graduation assessment requirements with a



combination of HSA and PARCC tests. There will be a separate combined score for the two PARCC assessments and a separate combined score for the two HSA assessments.

**9. Are students required to enroll in and pass Algebra II in order to meet graduation course requirements?**

No. The completion of Algebra II is not a graduation course requirement for students, however, students must take an assessment by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade to determine if they are college and career-ready in both English Language Arts, and mathematics, and the PARCC English 11, and the PARCC Algebra II assessments may be used for this determination.

**10. Will the Mod-HSA for Algebra/Data Analysis, English 10, Biology, and Government continue after 2013-2014?**

The last year that first time test-takers will be taking a Mod-HSA will be in 2013-2014. Students who take the Mod-HSAs and do not pass them in 2013-2014 will have one additional opportunity in 2014-2015 to take the Mod-HSA to meet the graduation assessment requirement. If, after the second attempt, the student does not pass the Mod-HSA, but has passed the course, the student will enter into the Bridge Validation Program. The final administration for all Mod-HSA assessments is May 2015.