



Scheduling for 2017-18

March 6 – March 8, 2017

Do you know what courses you need to graduate?

University of Maryland System Completer

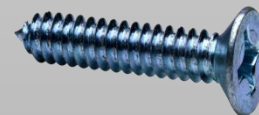
- By completing this program, you will meet minimum admission requirements for any 4-year college/university in Maryland
- Credit requirements:
 - 4 English
 - 4 Merit or Honors level Mathematics: Alg. II, Geometry, and two additional
 - 3 Social Studies
 - 4 Lab Sciences: must take Biology plus a Science that meets the Environmental Literacy requirement
 - 1 Fine Art
 - ½ Physical Education; ½ Health
 - 1 Technology Education
 - 2 World Language
 - 3 Electives: 1 must be a financial literacy course

23 credits to graduate



Career and Technology Completer

- A student completing this program can still go to college. Any student in the General Math series must be a Career and Technology Completer. All students are encouraged to complete the CTE courses in their pathway.
- Credit Requirements:
 - 4 English
 - 4 Mathematics - can be Merit or Honors Math series or General Math series: must include Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II; Algebra III recommended
 - 3 Social Studies
 - 4 Laboratory Science credits must take Biology plus a Science that meets the Environmental Literacy requirement
 - 1 Fine Art
 - 1/2 Physical Education; 1/2 Health
 - 1 Technology Education
 - 4-5 State Approved Career and Technology Education Program
 - 1 Financial Literacy course



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More on Course Requirements:

- Required Social Studies Courses are US History, Government and World History
- Science courses: must have Biology plus one course that meets the Environmental Literacy requirement: either Environmental Science or Wildlife and Forestry Management (this course can count as either a Science requirement or CTE requirement, but not both); other courses that meet the Science requirement include: Earth Science, Chemistry, and Physics
- Fine Arts Requirement can be met by any one of the following: Art, Music, Theatre, Chorus or Band
- Technology Education Requirement can be met with either Principles of Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design-M or Foundations of Computer Science-M
- Financial Literacy Requirement can be met by any of the following: Agribusiness, Economics-M, or Financial Management
- Completion of the county's comprehensive environmental literacy program is a graduation requirement

Additional Notes on Graduation Requirements

- Foreign Language - Four year colleges expect high school students to have at least two years of one foreign language. Foreign language is required for University of Maryland completers, but not for CTE completers. However, CTE completers planning to go on to a four year college need to take foreign language.
- CTE programs available at Southern Garrett High School: Agriculture Management; Allied Health; Animal Veterinary Science; Automotive Mechanics; Biomedical Sciences; Business Administrative Services; Business Management; Carpentry; Finance and Accounting; Food Production; Horticulture; Information Technology- Computer Science; Manufacturing Engineering (Machine Tool); Marketing; Natural Resource Science; Pre-Engineering
- A Dual Completer = University of Maryland Completer (two years of one foreign language and merit math's including Algebra II-M) PLUS completion of a CTE program

To Achieve:

- Sophomore Status you need 5 credits and must be in at least second year of high school
- Junior Status you need 9 credits and must be in at least third year of high school
- Senior Status you need 16 credits and must be in at least fourth year of high school



SCHEDULING FOR 2017-18

Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors will be selecting courses for 2017-18 school year in February.

What you can do to prepare:

- Look through your Student Education Planning Guide (SEPG) to review course requirements and course descriptions. Can't find your SEPG? You can access it online on the Garrett County Board of Education website: <http://garrettcountyschools.org> There is a direct link at the bottom of the home page for the "Student Planning Guide".
- Talk with your teachers about what level you should select in your English, Math, Social Studies and Science courses or reference your pathways that guidance has handed out to you.
- Pay attention to course prerequisites. You have to meet the prerequisite to sign up for many courses. For example, if you earned a 75% in English I-Merit, you can advance to English II-M. But, if you earned a 65%, you need to select English II.

Possible Electives at Southern Garrett High

- There are many elective classes that you are able to take while in high school.
- You become able to enroll in more elective classes as you move up in grade status from a freshman to sophomore to junior and senior status.
- Taking extra classes looks better than having a modified schedule or a class where you do not receive credit.
- Possible elective classes.....



Some Possible Elective Classes

- Theater
- Art
- Piano
- Band
- Chorus
- Found. Computer Science-M
- Financial Management
- Office Systems Management
- Finance and Accounting
- Economics-M
- Financial Management
- Web Design-M
- Desktop Publishing-M
- Principles of Business Administration/Law
- Physical Activity/Weight Training
- Journalism:
Newspaper/Yearbook
- Spanish
- Psychology
- JROTC
- Auto
- Carpentry
- Prin. of Competitive Manufacturing
- Foods
- Wildlife & Forestry Management
- Agribusiness
- Ag Engineering- Power
- Principles Ag Science/Animals
- Principles Ag Science/Greenhouse Management
- Engineering Design & Development-H
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing-M
- Electronics
- Drafting
- Auto CAD-M

Reasons to take Advanced Placement Classes

- If you do well on the exam in May, the college you attend might award you college credit. The exam fee is approximately \$93, but the cost of a college course exceeds \$400!!
- AP courses prepare you well for college courses. Our students who take AP courses do well in college because they have a good knowledge base and they know how to do the work expected in a college level course.
- Highly selective colleges, including University of Maryland, expect to see Honors level and AP level courses on candidates' transcripts. We have had students declined admission at University of Maryland because they did not take these courses.
- Students entering highly competitive academic programs in college, are on a more equal status with other students from other school systems who have also taken multiple Advanced Placement Courses.

However, AP and Honors level courses are fast paced and typically involve at least one hour of homework every night. Those who chose to go into these classes will have to remain in them once the course is on their schedule.

Notes specific to Juniors:

- If you are interested in taking **Garrett College** courses in the Distance Learning Lab, you will need to have earned at least an 80% or better in your junior merit level English or Math course or score ready for college level work in placement exams. You will have to take a placement exam at Garrett College. You will receive more information once you select your courses in February.
- If you are interested in **School-To-Careers** : Sign up for it and you will receive more information. You can sign up to see Mr. Bonser in the Counseling Office if you have questions before you sign up.
- If you are interested in **Modified Schedule**:
 - You must have your service learning hours completed by the end of this school year to ensure approval into the program.
 - School Board policy now requires that you have your application submitted one month prior to the beginning of your Senior year. To ensure that you get Modified Schedule, submit your application by the end of this school year.
 - If you sign up for Modified Schedule on your Course Selection Sheet and in Power School, you will receive an application and further instructions from your school counselor.

**SIGN UP TO SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
BEFORE THE SCHEDULING SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY
IF....**

- **YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED TODAY/ANY OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING SCHEDULING OR GRADUATION**
- **YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR PATHWAY**
- **YOU NEED HELP OBTAINING SERVICE LEARNING HOURS**



HOW TO REACH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Sign up in the Counselor's Office
- Call us at **301-334-1660**
- Email us

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