

College and Career Readiness

IN 2013, THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED the *College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act* (CCRCCA), aimed at ensuring that all students are prepared for credit-bearing coursework in college and for living wage careers. The Act includes the requirement that all students be assessed for college and career readiness in English and mathematics by the end of Grade 11, using one of several college and career readiness assessments. Students who do not meet the college and career ready standard in English or mathematics by the end of Grade 11 will be required to enroll in a transition course or other instructional opportunity during Grade 12, in preparation for reassessment. After completing the transition course or instructional opportunity, students must be reassessed by the end of Grade 12. School counselors and staff will work closely with students to determine the best assessment to take in Grade 11, as well as transition course options and reassessment during Grade 12, if necessary.

What are the assessments that determine college and career readiness in MCPS?

One of the following assessments may determine college and career readiness in CRITICAL READING/ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	One of the following assessments may determine college and career readiness in MATHEMATICS
SAT: 500* or higher ACT: 21 or higher ACCUPLACER: Reading 79 or above Sentence Skills 90 or above Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Composition or AP Language and Literature: 3 or higher International Baccalaureate (IB) English: 4 or higher	SAT: 500* or higher ACT: 21 or higher ACCUPLACER: Elementary Algebra 62 or above College Level Math 45 or above Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus AB or BC, or AP Statistics: 3 or higher International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematics: 4 or higher

** Interim scores being used by Montgomery College pending approval of college ready scores based on the redesigned SAT.*

OR

Career and Technology Education (CTE) external assessment that leads to a professional license or industry certification
 Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/info/CCRCCA/certifications-041217.pdf for specific programs.

OR LOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH MONTGOMERY COLLEGE:

Summative writing assessment externally validated by Montgomery College OR Grade of B or Higher in Modern World History (any level), AP Language and Composition, or Honors English 12	Summative mathematics assessment externally validated by Montgomery College OR Grade of B or Higher in Algebra II (any level)
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What if a student does not meet the requirement by the end of Grade 11?

As part of the CCRCCA, students who do not meet the standard by the end of Grade 11 must enroll in a transition course or other instructional opportunity in Grade 12. After completing the transition opportunity, students must be reassessed by the end of Grade 12. Transition options will include—

1. Completing online instructional modules in preparation for reassessment.
2. Enrolling in a course within the student's schedule, such as College Test Prep; AP or IB English and/or mathematics courses; a Career and Technology Education (CTE) program that leads to an MSDE-approved industry certification; or a transitional course offered in partnership with Montgomery College.
3. Enrolling in the next English or mathematics course in sequence with enhancements that provide additional time and content in preparation for reassessment.

How will students know what test to take and if transition coursework is needed?

School counselors and staff will work closely with students to determine the best assessment to take in Grade 11, as well as transition options and reassessment during Grade 12, if necessary.

How can I receive more information about test options, my child's status, and programming?

Contact your child's school counselor or college and career information coordinator at your high school. More information also can be found at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, search "CCRCCA."