



Maryland High School Assessments

Maryland Bridge Plan for Academic Validation 2008-2009

The Bridge Plan for Academic Validation provides a graduation route for some students unsuccessful with assessments.

What is the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation?

The Bridge Plan for Academic Validation is an alternative way for students to demonstrate their understanding of the core concepts from the High School Assessment courses. This program may be an option for students who are having difficulty passing one or more of the HSAs. This program has been developed by the Maryland State Board of Education and will be administered by Prince George's County Public Schools.

Who is eligible for the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation program?

If students have not passed one or more HSAs and meet the following PGCPs Bridge Plan criteria, they may be eligible for the program. The students must:

- Have passed the HSA course that corresponds to the failed assessment;
- Failed the HSA at least two times;
- Successfully participated in a school system sponsored enrichment program before retaking the assessment;
- Be eligible to graduate with the class of 2009;
- Maintain good student attendance.

For more information on the Bridge Plan, please contact bridgeplan@msde.state.md.us.



Passing Scores by Content and Combined Score Option

	Passing Score
Algebra/Data Analysis	412
Biology	400
English	396
Government	394
Total	1602

Bridge Plan Project Selection

- *Eligible students and parents will meet with designated school staff at the beginning of each semester course:*
 - select module indicators and specific project;
 - review project scoring rubrics and guidelines; and
 - set timelines for project completion.
- Students and parents may enroll in the semester Bridge Plan enrichment classes after signing a Bridge Plan Agreement Form. Bridge Plan registration will be held in June and December each year through the high schools' Guidance Department.
- **Student Planner and Agreement forms:**
The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)
 - pledge that all work submitted in the Academic Validation Project Package will be done by the student and thus meet the core values of academic integrity: truth, honesty, fairness, respect, and responsibility;
 - are responsible for ensuring that the work necessary for the Academic Validation Project Package is completed in accordance with the timeline developed by the school;
 - agree that the student's Academic Validation Project Package will never be duplicated, in full or partial form, for distribution; and
 - agree that the successful Academic Validation Project Package which fulfills the Maryland High School Diploma testing requirement becomes the sole property of the school system and is not returnable.

Bridge Plan School Procedures

- *High Schools should:*
 - Counsel students and parents regarding the program requirements and eligibility criteria;
 - Conference with students and parents in order to select project modules and to enroll in the Academic Validation classes;
 - Provide opportunity for students to retake the HSAs during each administration in May, August, October, and January. A special senior class administration will be provided in April 2009;
 - Students who fail to meet the standard or rigor of the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation, and therefore do not meet HSA graduation requirements, may reapply for the Bridge Plan program again in the next semester.