ACADEMIC VALIDATION PROGRAM

Overview

Academic Validation Program (AVP) offers an alternative way to meet the graduation assessment requirements through the state Bridge Plan for Academic Validation (Bridge Plan). A student who fails to achieve a passing score on one or more assessments may be eligible to complete Bridge Projects in the assessment areas. If the student completes the Bridge Project successfully, the graduation assessment requirement is met for that assessment area. See COMAR 13A.03.02.06.

Bridge Plan Student Eligibility

Each student who failed a Maryland High School Assessment once may participate in the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation process and shall be provided at least one opportunity to retake the appropriate assessment in accordance with the testing schedule issued by the Maryland State Department of Education. To be eligible to use a successfully completed Bridge Project as a means to satisfy the graduation assessment requirements, a student must first satisfy the following criteria:

1. Failed one or more Maryland High School Assessments at least twice;
2. Received a passing grade and earned credit in the course or courses related to the assessment or assessments;
3. Demonstrated overall satisfactory attendance in the most recent school year completed; and
4. Demonstrated satisfactory progress toward achieving the high school diploma requirements specified in COMAR 13A.03.02.09B(1) and (2); and
5. Participated successfully in appropriate assistance as defined in §C of this regulation after having failed one or more of the Maryland High School Assessments.
Graduation Assessment Requirements

The minimum passing scores for first time test takers of the Maryland High School Assessments in the 2016-2017 school year

- MCAP English 10 - 725
- MCAP Algebra I - 725
- HSA Government - 394
- Participate in High School Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) or the HSA Biology in the 2016-2017 school year.

Project Offerings

PROJECTS OFFERED:

- MCAP Algebra 1
- MCAP English 10
- HSA Government

Due to the remedial benefits of completing a Bridge Project, a student may begin to work on a Bridge Project in a subject PRIOR to failing the Maryland High School assessment in that subject twice; however, the project cannot be submitted in lieu of a student’s passing Maryland High School assessment score/combined score, until he/she has failed to pass the same content assessment TWICE.