

PERSONAL CURRICULUM

The Personal Curriculum is an option initiated by the parent/legal guardian or emancipated minor that modifies specific credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of the student. School personnel may also initiate a request for a personal curriculum for a specific student. The parent must still agree to the personal curriculum in order for it to take effect. The school may not implement a personal curriculum for a student without his/her parent's/legal guardian's consent. All requests for personal curriculums will be considered but final approval for a Personal Curriculum lies solely with the school.

The PC does not change the required number of credits for graduation. The legislative intent is that the curriculum modifications are made only when there is documented evidence that a modification is necessary for the student to achieve graduation requirements.

Prior to considering a PC for any individual student, every effort must be made to help the student achieve or exceed the Michigan Merit Curriculum using varied and creative strategies such as differentiated instruction, online courses, dual enrollment opportunities, tutoring, afterschool programs, and electives.

A Personal Curriculum may be requested and implemented for four (4) reasons:

1. To go beyond the academic credit requirements by adding more math, science, English language arts, or world language credits;
2. To modify the Algebra II mathematics requirement;
3. To modify credit requirements based on the disability of a student with an Individualized Education Plan;
4. To modify credit requirements for a transfer student from out of state or from a nonpublic school who has completed the equivalent of two (2) years of high school and is unable to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements.

Modifications that do not meet the minimum credit requirements of the MMC and/or do not incorporate high school content expectations may affect a student's opportunity to earn a diploma. If a student does not meet the requirements of the personal curriculum, the personal curriculum will be void and the original Merit Curriculum requirements and content expectations will be applied. The parent/legal guardian is responsible for monitoring the student's progress toward the completion of the personal curriculum.

For more information regarding a Personal Curriculum and/or who qualifies for a Personal Curriculum, please contact your school counselor.