

Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your right to request a Personal Curriculum (PC) for your son or daughter. In January 2007, the Michigan legislature passed laws to new high school graduation requirements. These new requirements are called the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). The MMC contains more rigorous standards with a high school diploma. The MMC must be followed beginning with students who were in 9th grade the fall of 2007.

The state of Michigan hopes that the new MMC requirements will improve the quality of education for ALL Michigan public high school students. We are also aware that some students have special talents and interests that warrant additions to the curriculum. Additionally, other students may have disabilities that require some accommodations to keep MMC meaningful and fair. If you believe your son or daughter needs a Personal Curriculum, you must make a request for the consideration of a PC and then a team is formed to determine what curriculum changes are appropriate.

The new MMC law requires the following when considering a Personal Curriculum:

- The PC must be requested by the parent.
- The PC may not be needed if the MMC for a student can be addressed with other reasonable arrangements.
- When needed, a PC is written by a group of knowledgeable people that includes the parent and school staff.
- The PC must adhere to the MMC content standards as much as is possible for the student.
- In other words, the essential content expectations for graduation must still be met.
- The PC may exceed the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.
- The PC may contain some special provisions for students with documented disabilities.
- The PC may be developed for students who transfer from out-of-state or a non-public school.
- The PC must be approved by the Superintendent of the school district.
- The PC may be adjusted during the course of the student's high school education using the same process, as appropriate.

The MMC requirements and allowable PC modifications can be found in our Course Selection Guide (available online).

Regardless of your child's path through the Michigan Merit Curriculum to graduation, we are looking forward to working with you to provide meaningful educational opportunities for all of our students.

Sincerely,