

Personal Curriculum

The Michigan Legislature has provided an opportunity for students to slightly modify the State of Michigan graduation requirements. This modification is called a Personal Curriculum (PC). A student and his/her parent or guardian may request a Personal Curriculum for one of four reasons:

1. Students who are interested in earning additional credits in math, science, English language arts, or foreign languages.
2. Students who demonstrate a need to reduce the Algebra II requirement in the Michigan Merit Curriculum.
3. Students transferring from out-of-state or non-public schools after completing two years of high school.
4. Students with an Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

While a PC can be requested at any time during a student's high school experience, with the exception of social studies and math, it should be used in limited circumstances after students have had the opportunity to succeed in the Michigan Merit Curriculum. If you are interested in looking further into the possibility of requesting a PC for your student, please contact a school counselor or administrator.

[5460.01 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION \(CTE\)](#)

During the process of developing and reviewing a student's education development plan, the student shall be advised that many of the curricular requirements may be fulfilled through a Michigan Department of Education (MDE) approved career and technical education program curriculum.

The career and technical education credits may include work-based learning by a student working at a business or other work setting with appropriate oversight by the District over the student's experience and learning in the work setting in which the work-based learning occurs, MDE approval of this experience is required.

Students must show successful completion of the State approved curriculum through completion of coursework covering all State program standards and must have taken any required technical assessment.

All planning with regard to student Career and Technical Education Program requires close coordination with the MDE/Office of Career and Technical Education.

Students fulfilling a career and technical education (CTE) program must complete the following course work.

Math - two (2) credits required, including Algebra II or a two (2) year technical Math Program. A student may partially or fully fulfill the Algebra II requirement by completing an MDE approved formal career and technical education program curriculum.

Science - three (3) credits one (1) credit required anatomy or agricultural science or successfully completing a program or curriculum that provides the same content as the chemistry or physics benchmarks, as determined by the MDE. A student may fulfill the requirement for the third science credit by completing an MDE approved computer science program or curriculum or formal career and technical education program or curriculum.

Social Science - credit requirements may be modified as part of a **personal curriculum** only if the student has successfully completed two (2) credits of the social science credits including the required civics course. In

addition this modification requires the student to complete one (1) additional credit in English language arts, mathematics, or science or one (1) additional credit in a language other than English.

Health and Physical Education - credit requirement may be modified as part of a **personal curriculum** only if the modification requires the student to complete one (1) additional credit in English language arts, mathematics, or science or one (1) additional credit in a language other than English. This additional credit must be in addition to the number of those credits otherwise required.

Visual Arts, Performing Arts, or Applied Arts - credit requirement may be modified as part of a **personal curriculum** only if the modification requires the student to complete one (1) additional credit in English language arts, mathematics, or science or one (1) additional credit in a language other than English. This additional credit must be in addition to the number of those credits otherwise required.

Annual notice must be sent to each student's home and may be included in a newsletter, student handbook, or "similar communication". Also must be posted on the website. The notice must explain what a Personal Curriculum is and state that all students are entitled to a personal curriculum upon request.