



Annual Personal Curriculum (PC) Notice

WHAT IS A PERSONAL CURRICULUM (PC)?

The Michigan Merit law allows a parent or legal guardian of a student who has completed grade 9 to request certain modifications to the state high school graduation requirements under limited conditions to ensure all students are effectively and consistently engaged in school regardless of need or disability.

A Personal Curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

The PC option allows the board of a school district or public-school academy to award a regular high school diploma provided the student completes the requirements of the PC, including as many of the content expectations of the MMC as practicable.

A PC allows several flexible learning options, including:

- For any student, earning additional credit in specific subject areas and counting these credits toward meeting the state requirements.
- For students challenged with meeting Algebra II expectations, adjusting mathematics requirements.
- For students with an IEP, allowing modifications of the MMC necessary to demonstrate proficiency.
- For students transferring to a district from out of state or from a nonpublic school, modifications of requirements under limited conditions.

According to Michigan law, a PC can be requested by, the parent or legal guardian of a pupil, the pupil's current teacher, a school counselor, and an emancipated youth.

According to Section 380.1278b amended of the Revised School Code regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum and personal curriculum, If the request for a personal curriculum is made by the pupil's parent or legal guardian or, if the pupil is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, by the pupil, the school district or public-school academy shall develop a personal curriculum for the pupil.

Regardless of who initiates the PC process, the parent/legal guardian (or emancipated student) and the superintendent (or designee) must agree to the PC that is developed by the committee for it to take effect.

HOW TO REQUEST A PERSONAL CURRICULUM

To request a Personal Curriculum, contact Jennifer Chiechi at 269-746-2333 or Lisa Tuinstra at 269-746-2311. They can help you start the process of requesting and initiating a PC.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information on Personal Curriculums, go to:

http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/PC_Guide_1_2015_482101_7.pdf