

In 2007 the State implemented the Michigan Merit Curriculum which defined the learning requirements for students to earn a Michigan high school diploma. These learning requirements formed a list of high school course credits that students must complete before a school district can award a high school diploma. This legislation created a consistent high school education for all Michigan students. It also provides assurance to employers as well as colleges and universities that Michigan students have completed a rigorous high school education.

A personal curriculum can be requested to waive some requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum Graduation Requirements in order to accelerate or modify the learning environment. If you feel you may need to request a personal curriculum please contact the High School Counseling Department.

### ***What is a personal curriculum?***

The personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school 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 MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

### ***Who may request a personal curriculum***

The parent or guardian of a student for whom a personal curriculum is sought, or the student if the student is of the age of majority or an emancipated minor may request a personal curriculum.

Other potential requesters include, a teacher who is currently teaching the student (who currently teaches in, or whose expertise is in, a subject area proposed to be modified by the PC, or who is determined by the principal to have qualifications otherwise relevant to developing a PC), or a school counselor or school employee qualified to act in a counseling role.

If the request for a PC is made by the student's parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, by the student, the school district shall develop a PC for the student pursuant to the parameters outlined in the 380.1278b(5).

### ***When may a personal curriculum be requested?***

If the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade, although any resulting PC may not be implemented until the onset of 9th grade. The earliest submission timeline for all other PC requests is after the student has completed 9th grade.

