

Personal Curriculum (PC) Handbook



Personal Curriculum (PC) Glossary of Terms

- **Career Pathway:** A career concept in which all careers fall into six general categories. They are:
 - 1. Arts, Communications, Humanities, and Sciences
 - 2. Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology
 - 3. Engineering, Manufacturing, and Industrial Technology
 - 4. Health Sciences
 - 5. Human Services
 - 6. Natural Resources and Agriscience.
- **Educational Development Plan (EDP):** An outline of classes for students, beginning in the 7th grade, to help students reach their career goals by following a specific Career Pathway. Students must have an EDP completed by the time they enter 9th grade.
- **Extended Core Requirements:** Curriculum that exceeds the state and school district's high school graduation requirements. Students meeting existing state and school district HSCE's may qualify for a PC for extended core requirements.
- High School Content Area Expectations (HSCE): The development of the High School Content Expectations (HSCE's) is an ongoing project coordinated by the Michigan Department of Education and educators throughout the state. These expectations delineate the content that must be contained within the curriculum for the specific content area, such as Algebra, Chemistry, etc. at the high school level. Additional information is available at www.mi.gov/highschool.
- Individualized Education Program (IEP): An IEP is a written statement for a student with a disability that includes the following:
 - 1. A written statement of the student's present levels of educational performance.
 - 2. Annual goals.
 - 3. A statement of the specific special education and related services to be provided to the student.
 - 4. The projected dates for initiation of services and the anticipated duration of services.
 - 5. Appropriate objective criteria, evaluation procedures and schedules for determining whether the short term instructional objectives are being achieved.
 - 6. Measurable post-secondary goals related to training, education and employment by the time the student is 16 years
- **Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC):** The Michigan Merit Curriculum is the compilation of the various content area high school content expectations that make up the core curriculum at the high school level. The merit curriculum aligns with the Michigan High School Graduation Requirements.
- Personal Curriculum (PC): A personal curriculum (PC) is a documented process that modifies certain requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC).
- SWD (Student with Disabilities): A student with a disability as noted in the student's IEP.
- **Transfer In:** A student who has transferred into a school district from an out-of-state high school or non-public school after completing at least two years of high school. In some cases the student's previous high school curriculum does not match their new high school curriculum standards. In this case, a student who has completed the equivalent of 2 years of high school may be eliqible for a PC.



Personal Curriculum (PC) Information Sheet

Q1: What is a Personal Curriculum?

A: A personal curriculum (PC) is a documented process that modifies certain requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) which must be met for the awarding of a high school diploma in Michigan. A PC must be requested on an individual basis and must meet certain conditions to be approved.

Q2: Who is eligible for a personal curriculum?

A: All students in grades 9-12 are eligible. Students with a documented disability and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are eligible to modify the MMC to a greater extent than their non-disabled peers.

Q3: Under what circumstances is a PC allowable?

- **A:** A PC is intended for high school students seeking a diploma who:
 - Wish to modify the mathematics requirement
 - Wish to go beyond the academic credit requirements by adding more math, science, English Language Arts or foreign languages credits
 - Need modified content expectations because certain MMC content expectations are not practicable for them despite documented interventions and in light of their Educational Development Plan (EDP)
 - Need other modifications of MMC requirements due to the impact of their special education disabilities as identified in their IEP

Q4: Can a personal curriculum be used to modify the entire MMC?

A: The intention of the PC is to modify portions of the MMC that are not practicable for the student while remaining true to the intent that graduation with a diploma requires mastery of as much of the curriculum expectations of the MMC as possible. Allowable modifications should still reflect the basic number of credit requirements in the following areas: ELA, Science, World Languages, Civics/Government, and the Online Learning experience.

Q5: Who can request a personal curriculum?

A: A parent, legal guardian, emancipated student, or any qualified school personnel can request a PC. (Note: While the PC is an appropriate topic to be discussed at IEP, Section 504, or health care team meetings, these teams may not make the request for a PC.)

Q6: When can a personal curriculum be requested?

A: A PC can be requested after completion of 9th grade.

Q7: What are the steps in the personal curriculum process and procedure?

- 1. PC is requested.
- 2. Within 10 school days a counselor acknowledges receipt of a request, verifies the status of the requestor, and discusses next steps with the person requesting the PC.
- 3. A Personal Curriculum Committee is named by the building principal and a meeting is scheduled within 30 school days.
- 4. Staff collects documents for committee review at the PC committee meeting.
- PC Committee is convened and reviews available documents in order to make a determination on student's eligibility for a PC.
- 6. If the student is eligible for a PC, the PC Committee writes the PC. The PC must meet as much of the MMC as possible and must include measurable goals and a method of evaluation.
- PC is agreed to in writing by student/parent/legal guardian and superintendent designee.
- 8. Approved PC is monitored quarterly through communication between the parents and each teacher of modified area(s).
- 9. Revision to a PC may be made using the same process as the original PC.

Q8: Is a student eligible for a high school diploma if they have a PC

A: A student who successfully completes a PC and fulfills any additional local board of education graduation requirements is to be awarded a high school diploma.

RESA Steps to the Personal Curriculum (PC) Process for Student/Parent/Legal Guardian and others who may wish to initiate a PC

IMPORTANT!

Modifications via the PC may limit the student's ability to:

- be admitted to college
- be eligible for college scholarships
- enter trade school
- secure a job in a career choice
- be eligible for NCAA athletic programs

If you believe you or your student will require a Personal Curriculum, follow these steps:

STEP 1 ~ Meet with	School Counselor:
Work with your	school counselor to:
	Complete a Request for a Personal Curriculum
	Provide relevant information/data to determine student's eligibility
STEP 2 ~ Meet with	Personal Curriculum Team:
	Determine eligibility
	Work with your Personal Curriculum Team to complete the plan for the Personal Curriculum.
STEP 3 ~ Work with	School Counselor on Personal Curriculum Monitoring (quarterly):
	Monitor personal curriculum through communication between parents and teachers of each modified area.



Requirements Responsibilities and Decision	ıns
Requirements	
Provide each student in 7 th grade the opportunity to develop an EDP	
Guarantee each student has completed an EDP prior to starting HS	
Consider the need for a Personal Curriculum upon request	
Decisions	
Establish criteria for content mastery	
 Determine performance criteria on demonstrating mastery 	
Establish criteria for allowable modifications	
Establish criteria for what constitutes credit for specific courses	
Number or percentage of content expectation for full credit	
Cut scores	
Alternative cut scores for SWD	
 Content expectations for other allowable courses not specified by MMC 	
Partial credit options	
Develop credit assessments	
Course, Unit test, Test-lets	
Determine "testing out" procedures and guidelines	
Determine other allowable opportunities for meeting MMC requirements (Testing out, CTE, on dual enrollment, IS, MS courses, IB, AP)	line,
Develop credit record keeping process/format	
Determine minimum achievement criterion that applies to all students	
Extent to which PC may deviate from local standards	
Establish PC procedures and timelines	
Develop forms for requests, determination of need and PC Quarterly reporting expectations	
Determine methods for communication and advising on PC and allowable modifications to:	
• staff	
• parents	
students	
Determine whether to award diploma to students completing a Personal Curriculum if local crite has been met	eria
Determine whether to add additional requirements beyond MMC for students to complete for a diploma	HS
Define an appeals process for PC decisions	
Other issues to consider:	
Standards-based report cards	
Standards-based IEPs	
Course/instructional alignment to prepare for MMC	
Early transition planning	



	11201	Steps in the Pers	onal Curriculum (PC) Process	
Date	e:	Student Name:		Current
				Grade.
Date Birth		Anticipated Gra	aduation	UIC #:
	<u> I</u>	ASK	<u>DETAILS</u>	DATE OF COMPLETION
1. <i>In</i>	itial Contact with Cour	nselor:		
	a. PC is requested.		Person Requesting: Name: Role:	
	b. Counselor acknowle request and discusses guardian or student.	edges receipt of PC next step w/ parent/lega		
2. Da	ay of Meeting with pare	ent/legal guardian or st	tudent:	
	 a. Provide PC informat guardian or student. 	ion to parent/legal	☐ PC Parent Packet	
	b. Discuss reason for the parent/legal guardian of	he PC request with or student.	Is student eligible for special educa and have an IEP?	ntion no
			Reason for PC request: Modify math requirements Additional core requirements Modify content expectations Modification due to disability as identified by IEP Transfer in (out-of-state or non-public school)	
3. C	ollect documents for F	PC Committee Review:	Educational Development Plan	
			(EDP) Date of EDP:	<u> </u>
			Transcripts: Middle and High Some Test results (State, National, Distant Attendance Record Discipline Record Interventions (inc. remedial sup Diagnostic Information Other Pertinent Information (See PC Eligibility Determination Form)	trict)

Steps to the Personal Curriculum (PC) Process *continued*

<u>TASK</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	COMPLETION
4. Schedule PC Committee Meeting:	Date of Meeting:	
5. Personal Curriculum Committee Meets: a. PC Committee determines eligibility	Time of Meeting: Location of Meeting: REQUIRED PARTICIPANTS: Parent/Legal Guardian/Student Name: Parent/Legal Guardian/Student Name: Counselor Name: Teacher Name: OTHER POSSIBLE TEAM MEMBERS: School Psychologist (Special Ed Student) Name: Content Area Teacher(s) for Area of Modification Suggested Name: Name: Special Ed Case Manager for Student with Disability Name: Other ~ Title: Name: PC Eligibility Determination Form completed	
	☐ Eligibility Approved	
	☐ Eligibility Denied	
b. If eligible for PC, the PC Committee writes the PC Plan using the student's EDP. (The PC must be consistent with the intent of the MMC Legislation and include measurable goals and a method of evaluation.)		
c. Review finalized PC and EDP with PC Committee Team. Obtain signatures of finalized plan.	PC & EDP approved and signed by: Parent/Legal Guardian/Student Counselor School Psychologist (Sp Ed Student) Content Area Teacher Special Ed Case Manager Other: Other:	
6. Final Approval:		
Submit PC to Superintendent / Designee for final approval.	PC & EDP approved and signed by: Superintendent Superintendent's Designee Date PC approved:	

Steps to the Personal Curriculum (PC) Process *continued*

<u>TASK</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	DATE OF COMPLETIO
7. Copies of approved PC to appropriate individue	als:	
	Copies of the PC distributed to: Parent/Legal Guardian/Student Name: Counselor Name: School Psychologist (Special Ed Student) Name: Content Area Teacher(s) for Area of Modification Suggested Name: Name: Special Ed Case Manager for Student with Disability Name: Other ~ Title: Name:	
8. Monitoring active PC:		
Student progress must be monitored quarterly by the parent/legal guardian and/or student.	Date progress was monitored: 1st Quarter: Evidence of monitoring: 2nd Quarter: Evidence of monitoring: 3rd Quarter: Evidence of monitoring: 4th Quarter: Evidence of monitoring:	
Counselor Name (please print)	Counselor Signature	Date



Request for a Personal Curriculum

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Date:	Student Name:	Current Grade:
Student Career Pathway:	 □ Arts & Communication □ Business Management, Marketing, and Tecl □ Engineering/Manufacturing and Industrial Tell □ Health Services □ Human Services □ Natural Resources and Agriscience 	Career Goal:
Counselor Name:		
Person Requesting PC/Role_		
Reason for Request: Mo	dify Math Credit Requirements	
☐ Add	ditional Core Requirements	
□ Мо	dify Content Expectations	
☐ Tra	nsfer-In (out-of-state or non-public scho	ol)
		ction below): n and has an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
Explain why you feel a PC is	s needed:	
attached in order to grade competencies in content extense credits and/or expect	uate from high school. Credits a expectations in the given subject are	nt earn specified credits in the subject areas re earned when the student demonstrates as. The law allows certain modifications of a Personal Curriculum (PC). A Personal to develop a PC.
 I understand that modification college, be eligible for college athletic programs. 	e scholarships, enter trade school, secu	URRICULUM: y limit the student's readiness to be admitted to re a job in a career choice, or be eligible for NCAA onsideration of a PC, even though a PC is
Parent Legal Guardian Emancipated Student	Print Name	Signature
		Date [.]

Michigan Merit Curriculum Personal Curriculum Modification Options

Credits	Subject Area	Graduation Requirement	Personal Curriculum (Credit Modification for Gen Ed)
4 credits	English Language Arts	Aligned with subject area content expectations developed by the Department and approved by the State Board of Education	No modification except for students with an IEP and for transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
4 credits	Mathematics	3 credits aligned with required state content expectations (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) 1 additional math or math-related Credit 1 math or math-related course in the final year Note: Students may earn 2 math credits for Algebra II when the credit is earned over 2 years, or 1.5 credits of 1.5 years, without requesting a personal curriculum	1 credit of Algebra II may be modified to ½ credit Algebra II, statistics, or functions and data analysis Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
3 credits	Science	1-Biology 1-Chemistry or Physics 1 additional Science credit	No modification except for students with an IEP and for transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
3 credits	Social Studies	.5 Civics .5 Economics 1-US World History and Geography 1-World History and Geography	No modification of Civics 2 credits must be earned Modified only if student takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Languages other than English
1 credit	Physical Education and Health	Credit guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Education	Modified only if student takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Languages other than English
1 credit	Visual, Performing, Applied Arts	Credit guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Education	Modified only if student takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Languages other than English
2 credits	Languages other than English	Begins with students entering 3 rd grade in 2006 Credits earned in grades 9-12 OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12	No modification
	Online Learning Experience	Online course or learning experience OR Online experience is incorporated into each of the required credits	No modification

- Content modifications may be made in any course, based on the student's need as determined by the PC Committee.
- Special Education students with IEP identified disabilities are eligible for modifications beyond those noted here.



$\overset{Kalamazoo}{R \exists S A} \qquad \text{Personal Curriculum Eligibility Form}$

Date:	Student Name: _		Current Grade:
Date of Birth:	Student With Disability:	☐ Yes ☐ No	Date of PC Request:
Person Requesting PC/R	tole:		
Reason for Request:	☐ Modify Math Requi	irements	
	☐ Additional Core Re	quirements	
	☐ Modify Content Ex	pectations	
	☐ Transfer-In (out-of-	-state or non-pub	lic school)
	☐ Modification Due to	o IEP Identified D	isability
Explain why you feel a P	°C is needed:		
POSSIBLE SOURCES	S OF EVALUATION INF	ORMATION (attach documentation to form):
MEAP / MME Sc ACT Plan / ACT Curricular Assess IEP EDP Course of S Other (specify): DOCUMENTED INTE	Explore / ACT Compass sment Study ~ Career Pathway I	TS & ACCOM	MODATIONS: le and may be considered for a PC in:
Physical E Visual, Per	ducation/Health	Science	Social Studies ible for further consideration for a PC.
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Sign below: Student:		_	Building Principal:
Parent/Guardian:			Content Area Teacher
_ Parent/Guardian:		_	Content Area Teacher
Counselor:			Other:



Plan for Personal Curriculum

(Additional or revised modifications must be made by reconvening the PC Team)

Date:	Student Name:	Current Grade:
Date of Birth:		
Math Credit Modifications	☐ Modify 1 credit of Algebra II to ½ credit of Alge	bra II, statistics, or functions and data analysis.
Additional Core Requirements	Science, or World Languages.	
Modify Content Expectations (attach CE specifications)	 Modify English Language Arts Content Expectations Modify Math Content Expectations Modify Science Content Expectations Modify Social Studies Content Expectation 	Modify Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Content Expectations Modify Physical Education & Health Content Expectations Modify Online Learning Experience Content Expectations Modify World Language Content Expectations (Beginning with Class of 2016 and beyond)
Transfer-In	Transfer-In (completed at least two years of	of high school in out-of-state or non-public school)
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i understand an	nd accept the Plan for Personal Curriculu	n:
REQUIRED: Parent/Legal Gu Emancipated Student/Student/I Content Area Te Counselor: Other Participan Building Principal Content Area Te School Psycholo Other:	Designee cacher: ts tl: cacher:	Signature



STUDENT INFORMATION:

Ralamazoo RESA Individual Student Personal Curriculum **Progress Monitoring Form**

Date:	Student Nam	ne:	Curre	nt Grade:
Date of Birth:	Stude	nt With Disability:	No Date of PC Reque	est:
Student Caree Pathway as indicated on E	Business Machine Busine	anagement, Marketing, and Technology /Manufacturing and Industrial Technology ices	Career Goal:	
FIRST QUAI	RTER:	Date:		
SUBJECT AREA check (✓) one	MODIFICATION GOALS	METHOD OF EVALUATION	MASTERY CRITERION	STATUS
□ English Language Arts □ Mathematics □ Science □ Social Studies □ Foreign Language □ Physical Ed / Health □ Visual, Performing or Applied Arts		Student's Daily Work Student Progress Reports Demonstration Rating Scale Assessment (standardized or non- standardized) End of Credit Assessment Other (specify):	Percent accurate Rate Achievement Level Other (specify):	Achieved Progressing sufficiently Progressing insufficiently Not Applicable Other (specify):
Additional Mo	difications:			
SECOND Q	JARTER:	Date:		
SUBJECT AREA check (✓) one	MODIFICATION GOALS	METHOD OF EVALUATION	MASTERY CRITERION	STATUS
□ English Language Arts □ Mathematics □ Science □ Social Studies □ Foreign Language □ Physical Ed / Health □ Visual, Performing or Applied Arts	difications:	Student's Daily Work Student Progress Reports Demonstration Rating Scale Assessment (standardized or non- standardized) End of Credit Assessment Other (specify):	Percent accurate Rate Achievement Level Other (specify):	Achieved Progressing sufficiently Progressing insufficiently Not Applicable Other (specify):
Additional Mo	uiiications:			
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Individual Student Personal Curriculum Progress Monitoring Form continued

THIRD QUA	RIER:	Date:		
SUBJECT AREA check (✓) one	MODIFICATION GOALS	METHOD OF EVALUATION	MASTERY CRITERION	STATUS
☐ English Language Arts ☐ Mathematics ☐ Science ☐ Social Studies ☐ Foreign Language ☐ Physical Ed / Health ☐ Visual, Performing or Applied Arts		Student's Daily Work Student Progress Reports Demonstration Rating Scale Assessment (standardized or non-standardized) End of Credit Assessment Other (specify):	Percent accurate Rate Achievement Level Other (specify):	Achieved Progressing sufficiently Progressing insufficiently Not Applicable Other (specify):
Additional Mo		Date:		
SUBJECT AREA check (✓) one	MODIFICATION GOALS	METHOD OF EVALUATION	MASTERY CRITERION	STATUS
☐ English Language Arts Mathematics Science Social Studies Foreign Language Physical Ed / Health Visual, Performing or Applied Arts Additional Mo	difications:	Student's Daily Work Student Progress Reports Demonstration Rating Scale Assessment (standardized or non-standardized) End of Credit Assessment Other (specify):	Percent accurate Rate Achievement Level Other (specify):	Achieved Progressing sufficiently Progressing insufficiently Not Applicable Other (specify):
NOTE: Addit	ional/revised modific	cations must be made by recor	vening with the Personal (Curriculum Committee.
	N APPROVED B	Y PERSONAL CURRICUL Print Name		FICIPANTS: gnature
Student: Parent/Guard Parent/Guard Counselor: Building Princ Content Area Content Area School Psych Special Educa Other: Other:	ian: ipal: Teacher: Teacher: ologist:			2 of 2



Plan for Personal Curriculum – Student with IEP

(Additional or revised modifications must be made by reconvening the PC Team)

Date:	Student Name:	Current Grade:
Date of Birth:	Area of Disability:Subcategory:	Date of last IEP:
	Modifications anguage Arts Credits	Content Modifications Modify English Language Arts Content Expectations
Modify Math Cred	dits	☐ Modify Math Content Expectations
☐ Modify Science C		☐ Modify Science Content Expectations
		Modify Social Studies Content Expectations
☐ Modify Social Stu	udies Credits	Modify Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Content Expectations
☐ Modify Visual, Pe	erforming, Applied Arts Credits	Modify Physical Education & Health Content Expectations
☐ Modify Physical E	Education & Health Credits	Modify Online Learning Experience Content Expectations
☐ Modify Online Le	arning Experience Credits	☐ Modify World Language Content Expectations
Modify World Lar	nguage Credits (Beginning with	
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requested.	e student may or may not be elige ept the Plan for Personal C Print l	
REQUIRED:	FIIIL	Name Signature
arent(s) or egal Guardian		
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