**The Personal Curriculum**

**A Tool for Modifying the Michigan Merit Curriculum Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC)**

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| **Subject Area Credit Requirements** | **Personal Curriculum (PC) Modifications** (Sequence and delivery up to district; support courses can count for credit regardless of year) |
| **4 English Language Arts (ELA) Credits*** 1 credit in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade
* All credits aligned to state content expectations
 | * Modifications allowed for students with an Individualized Education program (IEP) or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **4 Mathematics Credits*** 3 credits aligned with the required state content expectations (i.e., Geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II)
* 1 math or math–related credit required in the final year which could include any of the credits described above or may be an additional district credit not aligned with state content expectations
* Note: Students may earn 2 math credits for Algebra II when the credit is earned over 2 years, or 1.5 credits over 1.5 years, without requesting a personal curriculum
 | * Complete at least 3.5 math/math-related credits
* Enrolls in a state approved CTE program where the student successfully completes the same content as the Algebra II benchmarks assessed on state assessment
* 1 credit of Algebra II may be modified to ½ credit (one semester) Algebra II
* Successfully completes ½ credit (1 semester) of statistics, functions and data analysis, or technical mathematics
* Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **3 Science Credits*** 1 Biology credit required
* 2nd credit of either Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, or Agricultural Science
* May fulfill 3rd science credit by completing an approved computer science program or state approved CTE program, district approved science course or additional option allowable as 2nd credit
* All credits aligned to state content expectations
 | * Modifications allowed for students with an IEP or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **3 Social Studies Credits*** ½ Civics credit required
* ½ Economics credit
* 1 U.S. History and Geography credit
* 1 World History and Geography credit
* All credits aligned to state content expectations
 | * No modification of Civics
* Minimum successful completion of 2 social studies credits prior to modification
* 1 social studies credit (other than Civics) can be exchanged for an additional English language arts, math, science, or world languages credit OR 1 social studies credit (other than Civics) can be fulfilled by completing a state approved CTE program
* Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **1 Physical Education and Health Credit*** ½ credit in health
* ½ credit in PE or district approved participation in extracurricular athletics or activities involving physical activity
* Credit must align to state guidelines
 | * Credit can be exchanged for an additional English language arts, math, science, or world languages credit
* Modify the health and/or PE credit requirements if student must do so to complete a state approved CTE program
* Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **1 Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts Credit*** Credit must align to state guidelines
 | * Credit can be exchanged for an additional English language arts, math, science, or world languages credit
* Modify the arts credit requirement if student must do so to complete a state approved CTE program
* Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **2 World Language Credits (Begins with Class of 2016)*** Completion during grades K-12 of 2 credits of a foreign language that are grade appropriate or an equivalent learning experience
* Students graduating in 2016-2020 may substitute 1 credit if they successfully complete a state approved CTE program or VPAA credit
* Credits must align to state guidelines
 | * Modifications allowed for students with an IEP or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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| **Online Learning Experience*** Online course, learning experience, or experience is incorporated into one or more required credits
 | * Modifications allowed for students with an IEP or transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
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