

The Personal Curriculum

A Tool for Modifying the Michigan Merit Curriculum

Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC)

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 credit in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade • All credits aligned to state content expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No modification except for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and for transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
4 Mathematics Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 credits aligned with the required state content expectations (i.e., Geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II) • 1 math or math-related credit (not required to be aligned with state content expectations) • 1 math or math-related credit required in the final year which could include any of the 4 credits described above or may be an additional district credit • Note: Students may earn 2 math credits for Algebra II when the credit is earned over 2 years without requesting a personal curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Minimum of 2 credits aligned to math content expectations prior to any modification ✓ 1 credit of Algebra II may be modified to ½ credit ✓ Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
3 Science Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Biology credit • 1 Chemistry or Physics credit • 1 additional science credit • All credits aligned to state content expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No modification except for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
3 Social Studies Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ Civics credit • ½ Economics credit • 1 U.S. History and Geography credit • 1 World History and Geography credit • All credits aligned to state content expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No modification of Civics ✓ Minimum 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 ✓ Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
1 Physical Education and Health Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit aligned to state guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Credit can be exchanged for an additional English language arts, math, science, or world languages credit ✓ Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
1 Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit aligned to state guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Credit can be exchanged for an additional English language arts, math, science, or world languages credit ✓ Additional modifications allowed for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
2 World Languages Credits (Begins with Class of 2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credits earned in grades 9-12 <i>or</i> an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12 • Credits aligned to state guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No modification except for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school
Online Learning Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online course, learning experience, or experience is incorporated into one or more required credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No modification except for students with an IEP and transfer students who have completed 2 years of high school