

## **Annual Notice of the Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation**

### **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 a student's unique learning needs and post-secondary goals. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize MMC requirements to earn a high school diploma.

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

A personal curriculum may be requested by

- 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,
- 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

(Note: Any resulting PC may not be implemented until the student begins/enters 9<sup>th</sup> grade.) If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be requested after the student has completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

For more information on the Personal Curriculum (PC), or to make a request for a PC, please contact the Supervisor of Academic Progress (SOAP).