



## Michigan Merit Curriculum Changes – Effective April 2015

With the passing of House Bills 4465 and 4466 in June 2014, Graduation Requirements now include:

<b>Mathematics</b>	
<b>Michigan Merit Curriculum</b>	<b>Personal Curriculum Options</b>
4 credits of mathematics, including: 380.1278a (1,a,i)	3 ½ credits of mathematics, including: MCL 380.1278b (5,g)
Algebra I (may be granted prior to grade 9)	Algebra I (may be granted prior to grade 9)
Geometry	Geometry
Algebra II <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra II over 2 years for 2 credits</li> <li>• Algebra II over 1.5 years for 1.5 credits</li> <li>• A MDE-approved CTE program such as machining, electronics, construction, welding, engineering, computer science, renewable energy if course includes same algebra II content assessed on the state high school test</li> </ul>	Algebra II may be modified if the student meets <b>one or more of the following</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One semester of algebra II</li> <li>• Algebra II over two years for 2 credits</li> <li>• MDE-approved CTE program or curriculum that completes the same content as algebra II benchmarks assessed on State HS Assessment</li> <li>• One semester of statistics, functions and data analysis or technical mathematics</li> </ul>
An additional math credit (trigonometry, statistics, pre-calculus, applied math, accounting, business math, a retake of Algebra II, or financial literacy)	
Students must successfully complete at least one math course during final High School year	Students must successfully complete at least 1 math credit during his or her <b>final 2 years</b> of high school
<b>English Language Arts (no modifications)</b>	
At least 4 credits of <b>English Language Arts</b> MCL 380.1278b (1,a)	At least 4 credits of <b>English Language Arts</b> MCL 380.1278b (5, f)
<b>Science (no modifications)</b>	
At least 3 credits of <b>science</b> , including: MCL 380.1278b (1,b)	At least 3 credits of <b>science</b> , including: MCL 380.1278b (5, f)
Biology	Biology
Chemistry, physics, anatomy, ag science, or MDE-approved program with the same chemistry or physics content	Chemistry, physics, anatomy, ag science, or MDE-approved program with the same chemistry or physics content
One additional science credit or MDE-approved computer science or CTE program	One additional science credit or MDE-approved computer science or CTE program
<b>Social Science</b>	
At least 3 credits in <b>Social Science</b> , including: MCL 380.1278a (1,a,ii)	At least 2 credits of social science, including ½ credit of <b>civics</b> MCL 380.1278b (5, h)
1 credit I United States history and geography	1 additional credit in ELA, mathematics, science, a language other than English, or a CTE program
1 credit in world history and geography	
½ credit in economics	
½ Credit in civics	
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	
At least 1 credit that includes both <b>health and physical education</b> MCL 380.1278a (1,a,iii)	May substitute an additional credit in ELA, mathematics, science, a language other than English, or a CTE program MCL 380.1278b (5, i)
<b>OR</b> ½ credit in health, plus ½ credit for district-approved participation in extra-curricular athletics or activities involving physical activity	

<b>Visual, Performing or Applied Arts</b>	
At least 1 credit of <b>visual, performing, or applied arts</b> MCL 380.1278a (1,a,iv)	May substitute an additional credit in ELA, mathematics, science, a language other than English, or a CTE program MCL 380.1278b (5, j)
<b>World Languages</b>	
Two <b>world language</b> credits, both in the SAME language other than English, Can be earned anytime, K-12, if grade-appropriate. MCL 380.1278a (2)	
For Graduating Classes of 2015 through 2020 only, may partially or fully substitute 1 world language credit with a MDE-approved CTE program or by completing an additional visual or performing arts course	
American Sign Language “counts” as a world language	
May be an online world language course	
<b>Sub-section K – Students with Disabilities</b>	
	Any modification not otherwise allowed but necessary because the pupil is a child with a disability and modification is consistent with both the students EDP and IEP
<b>Sub-section L – Transfer Students</b>	
	Student transfers in with at least 2 years of HS credits from an out-of-state or from nonpublic school
	The Personal Curriculum includes as much of the subject content as practicable.
	Must include at least 1 math class during final year of HS.
	If the transfer student is enrolled for at least one full school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must take at least algebra I or</li> <li>• Must take a course normally taken after algebra I</li> </ul>
	Must include civics course
<b>Online Learning Requirement</b>	
A separate online course or learning experience OR integrated online experience throughout each MMC course	