

MELISSA CLEGG, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Annual Notice of the Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation with a Regular High School Diploma

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 the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

Who may request a personal curriculum?

- The parent or guardian of a student for whom a personal curriculum is sought
- The student, if the student is of the age of majority
- An emancipated minor
- 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),
- A school counselor or school employee qualified to act in a counseling role.

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 9th grade, although any resulting PC may not be implemented until the onset of 9th grade. The earliest submission timeline for all other PC requests is after the student has completed 9th grade. If the parent/guardian/student is interested in more information on the PC option or would like to make a request for a PC, please contact Melissa Clegg, Special Education Director, at 231-937-4391, or email mclegg@tricountyschools.com.