



Special Education Personal Curriculum Information Sheet

Definition:

A personal curriculum is a documented process that modifies certain requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Who is Eligible for a Personal Curriculum?

All students in grades 9—12 are eligible. Students with a documented disability and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are eligible to modify the Michigan Merit Curriculum to a greater extent than their non disabled peers.

Can a Personal Curriculum be Used to Modify the Entire Michigan Merit Curriculum?

- The purpose of the personal curriculum is to modify **portions** of the Michigan Merit Curriculum that are not appropriate for the student;
- Graduation with a diploma requires mastery of as much of the Michigan Merit Curriculum content expectations as possible;
- Students **without** a disability: modification is limited to a specific set of options set forth in the law;
- Students **with** a disability who **have an IEP**: modifications of credit requirements may be sought;
- Because a personal curriculum leads to a high school diploma, it cannot modify the Michigan Merit Curriculum to the extent that it creates an alternative curriculum;

Is a Student Eligible for a High School Diploma if They Have a Personal Curriculum?

A student who completes a personal curriculum **and** fulfills any additional local board of education graduation requirements is to be awarded a high school diploma

Who Can Request a Personal Curriculum?

- Parent or legal guardian
- Student with adult status (age of majority)
- Emancipated minor
- School staff

When Can a Personal Curriculum be Requested?

- Any time for students with disabilities;
- For more information, contact the guidance counselor/administrator.

What is the Process for Requesting a Personal Curriculum?

Complete a *Personal Curriculum Request Form* found in the guidance office and submit it to a guidance counselor/administrator.