

Michigan Merit Curriculum Changes – Effective April 2015

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

Mathematics	
Michigan Merit Curriculum	Personal Curriculum Options
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 or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra II over 2 years for 2 credits • Algebra II over 1.5 years for 1.5 credits • 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 	Algebra II may be modified if the student meets one or more of the following : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One semester of algebra II • Algebra II over two years for 2 credits • MDE-approved CTE program or curriculum that completes the same content as algebra II benchmarks assessed on State HS Assessment • One semester of statistics, functions and data analysis or technical mathematics
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 final 2 years of high school
English Language Arts (no modifications)	
At least 4 credits of English Language Arts MCL 380.1278b (1,a)	At least 4 credits of English Language Arts MCL 380.1278b (5, f)
Science (no modifications)	
At least 3 credits of science , including: MCL 380.1278b (1,b)	At least 3 credits of science , 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
Social Science	
At least 3 credits in Social Science , including: MCL 380.1278a (1,a,ii)	At least 2 credits of social science, including ½ credit of civics 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	
Health and Physical Education	
At least 1 credit that includes both health and physical education 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)
OR ½ credit in health, plus ½ credit for district-approved participation in extra-curricular athletics or activities involving physical activity	

Visual, Performing or Applied Arts	
At least 1 credit of visual, performing, or applied arts 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)
World Languages	
Two world language 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	
Sub-section K – Students with Disabilities	
	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
Sub-section L – Transfer Students	
	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"> • Must take at least algebra I or • Must take a course normally taken after algebra I
	Must include civics course
Online Learning Requirement	
A separate online course or learning experience OR integrated online experience throughout each MMC course	