

## **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, or the student if the student is of the age of majority or an emancipated minor may request a personal curriculum.

Other potential requesters include, 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 parents 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 the 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, although any resulting PC may not be implemented until the onset of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The earliest submission timeline for all other PC requests is after the student has completed 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Leann Bauer ([lbauer@spsd.net](mailto:lbauer@spsd.net)) or visit the district's website at [www.spsd.net](http://www.spsd.net) and click on Special Education.