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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Superintendents

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Awarding Credit in Career and Technical Education
(CTE, Humanities, and Other Delivery Models)

The implementation of the Michigan Merit curriculum graduation requirements and Project ReImagine has led to continued discussions on awarding academic credit for high school classes or courses that occur outside the usual structure and delivery method.

Pursuant to Section 1278a (1) (i), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has updated the attached guidance document which describes a process to award academic credit for high school classes or courses through a department approved Career and Technical Education program. The additional language in Section 1278a (1) (i) clarifies that the embedded content must be appropriately aligned to the Michigan Merit Curriculum and that local districts will decide if full or partial credit will be awarded by examining the number of content standards embedded within the instructional program.

The guidelines describe a process for forming a work team to study the curriculum and determine the amount of academic credit to award in a CTE program and include information pertinent to awarding academic content through a humanities or other integrated sequence, or in a project based curriculum. The guidelines have been posted on the MDE website.

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