

# MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM (MMC)

## High School Graduation Requirements

**Effective for Students Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2006 (Class of 2011)**

To prepare Michigan's students with the knowledge and skills needed for the jobs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the State of Michigan has enacted a rigorous new set of statewide graduation requirements that are among the best in the nation. With these new graduation requirements, students will be well-prepared for future success in college and the workplace.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum requires students entering 8th grade in 2006, to obtain a minimum of 16 credits for graduation, which could be met using alternative instructional delivery methods such as alternative course work, humanities course sequences, career and technology courses, industrial technology or vocational education courses, or through a combination of these programs. In addition, students entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in 2006 (Class of 2016) will need to complete two credits of a language other than English in grades 9-12; OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12 prior to graduation.

<b>Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Graduation Requirements</b>	
<b>MATHEMATICS - 4 Credits</b>	
Algebra I Algebra II	Geometry One math course in final year of high school
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - 4 Credits</b>	
English Language Arts 9 English Language Arts 10	English Language Arts 11 English Language Arts 12
<b>SCIENCE - 3 Credits</b>	
Biology Physics or Chemistry	One additional science credit
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES - 3 Credits</b>	
.5 credit in Civics U.S. History and Geography	.5 credit in Economics World History and Geography
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH - 1 Credit</b>	
<b>VISUAL, PERFORMING AND APPLIED ARTS - 1 Credit</b>	
<b>ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE</b> Course, Learning or Integrated Learning Experience	
<b>LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH - 2 Credits</b> In grades 9-12; OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12 effective for students entering third grade in 2006 (Class 2016)	

All required courses/credits must be aligned with Course/Credit Content Expectations and Guidelines developed by Michigan Department of Education, may be acquired through Career and Technical Education programs, and integrated courses.

