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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
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SUBJECT: Guidelines for Awarding Credit in Career and Technical Education
(CTE, Humanities, and Other Delivery Models)

Recent amendments to the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) graduation requirements 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*) and Section 1278b (11), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has updated the guidance document which describes a process to award academic credit for high school classes or courses through a department approved, formal career and technical education program. The additional language in Section 1278a (1) (*i*) clarifies that the content must be the same as the Algebra II Benchmarks assessed on the state high school assessment. New language in Section 1278b (11) states that during the process of developing and reviewing a pupil's educational development plan (EDP), the pupil shall be advised that many of the curricular requirements may be fulfilled through career and technical education.

The guidelines describe a process for forming a work team to study the curriculum and determine the amount of academic credit to award through the 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 at

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Guidelines_for_Awarding_Credit_in_CTE_468150_7.pdf.

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The MMC Frequently Asked Questions document has been updated to reflect the latest changes in legislation. This document and other updated MMC guidance documents can be found at www.michigan.gov/highschool.

Please contact Patty Cantú, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, at (517) 335-5224 or cantup@michigan.gov, if you have any questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance