

Testing Out Information

According to the guidelines of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, students are allowed to “test out for credit” in courses. High schools may offer credit to students for courses they have not enrolled in if they meet the criteria established by the high school. There are a number of different ways students may show they meet or exceed the content expectations associated with the course. At Dexter, different courses may require different types of performance assessments.

We are also cognizant that the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) has raised content expectation for our courses. These are known as High School Content Expectations (HSCE). Consequently, students taking the “test out for credit” must demonstrate mastery of the content of a course just as a student who has already taken the course.

Dexter High School will provide two opportunities annually for students to test out. Students must be currently enrolled at the high school or will be the following school year.

February Test Out Window

Students wishing to test out of a course will notify the high school of their desire to test out by filling out the Request to Test Out form with Mrs. Bastion in the main office by January 24, 2018.

February Testing Out Days & Dates

Math Course	Tuesday	February 13	3:30-6:45pm	Rm. 34 or other
Science Course	Wednesday	February 14	3:30-6:00pm	Rm. 34 or other
English Language Arts Course	Thursday	February 15	3:30-6:00pm	Rm. 34 or other
Social Studies Course	Tuesday	February 20	3:30-6:00pm	Rm. 34 or other
World Language Course	Wednesday	February 21	3:30-6:30pm	Rm. 34 or other
Any Other Course	Thursday	February 22	3:30-6:00pm	Rm. 34 or other

June Test Out Window

Students wishing to test out of a course will notify the high school of their desire to test out by filling out the Request to Test Out form with Mrs. Bastion in the main office by May 24, 2018.

June Testing Out Days & Dates

Math Course	Tuesday	June 19	9:30am-12:45pm	Rm. 34 or other
Science Course	Wednesday	June 20	9:30am-12:00noon	Rm. 34 or other
English Language Arts Course	Thursday	June 21	9:30am-12:00noon	Rm. 34 or other
Social Studies Course	Monday	June 25	9:30am-12:00noon	Rm. 34 or other
World Language Course	Tuesday	June 26	9:30am-12:30pm	Rm. 34 or other
Any Other Course	Wednesday	June 27	9:30am-12:00noon	Rm. 34 or other

Please Note: A student may take multiple test out exams during one or both of these windows. However, a student may NOT take the same course “test out” exam more than once per school year.

Additional Information:

- Passing grade for testing out is a C+ (77%)
- Students that pass a test will receive credit on their transcript toward graduation but will NOT receive a grade on their transcript rather, their transcript will display a TO indicating “testing out” credit
- After the registration deadline passes, students that have signed up to test out will be given a copy of the appropriate department’s “test out” procedure and a course syllabus.
- Specific High School Content Expectations for each course required by the Michigan Merit Curriculum may be found at the Michigan Department of Education’s website under Curriculum: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-38924---,00.html>.

What the Michigan Merit Curriculum Law Says:

Sec. 1278(a)(4)(c) A school district or public school academy shall also grant a student a credit if the student earns a qualifying score, as determined by the department, on the assessments developed or selected for the subject area by the department or the student earns a qualifying score, as determined by the school district or public school academy, on 1 or more assessments developed or selected by the school district or public school academy that measure a student’s understanding of the subject area content expectations or guidelines that apply to the credit.

Credit Awarded to Pupil Not Enrolled in Course: 80.1279(b) The board of a school district shall grant high school credit in any course to a pupil enrolled in high school, but who is not enrolled in the course, who has exhibited a reasonable level of mastery of the subject matter of the course by attaining a grade of not less than C+ in a final exam in the course, or, if there is no final exam, by exhibiting that mastery through the basic assessment used in the course which may consist of a portfolio, performance, paper, project, or presentation. For the purpose of earning credit under this section, any high school pupil may take the final examination in any course. Credit earned under this section shall be based on a “pass” grade and shall not be included in a computation of grade point average for any purpose. Credit earned under this section may or may not be counted toward graduation, as the board of the school district may determine, but the board's determination shall apply equally to all such credit for all pupils and credit earned under this section shall be counted toward fulfillment of a requirement for a subject area course and shall be counted toward fulfillment of a requirement as to course sequence. Once credit is earned under this section, a pupil may not receive credit thereafter for a course lower in course sequence concerning the same subject area.

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