



Allendale Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

According to the Michigan Merit Curriculum Law, Section 380.1279 b states: *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.* Allendale High School adheres to this law and we want to inform you of our school's "testing out" policy.

1. This policy will apply equally to all students.
2. Individual subject departments will determine what assessment or combination of assessments is used to test out of each course.

Assessments are designed to be rigorous and cover material for the entire semester. Students who prepare for the assessment have a better chance of earning credit.

3. A score of C+ (77%) or higher must be earned on the assessment(s) to receive credit for the course.
4. Credits earned by testing out are not figured into the student's GPA, but appear as a "CR" on the transcript and will be counted towards meeting graduation requirements as appropriate.
5. Only one attempt to test out of a specific course is allowed.

If you would like to attempt to test out of a course at Allendale High School, please follow these steps:

1. Student obtains and completes an application to test out. Applications can be found on the AHS website or in the high school office.
2. The application must be submitted to Mrs. Lanser by May 26, 2021.
3. Student/Parent can pick up the materials needed to study over the summer from the office on June 7th and 8th.
4. Final course assessments will be given in mid-August.
5. Return study materials to the high school office at the time of the final assessment.