

TESTING OUT

POLICY

What the Michigan Merit Curriculum Law Says:

380.1278(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

380/1279(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 courses sequence concerning the same subject area.

The Fitzgerald Board of Education believes that this legislation is intended to permit students who are able to show mastery of certain introductory level courses to move on to more challenging levels of study.

PROCEDURES

1. Students must apply to test out of one or more courses by meeting with their counselor.
2. Students must have parental permission to attempt to test out of any course.
3. Students are to be given a course description, course syllabus and course requirements. Students will be expected to take a comprehensive final exam, and in some cases complete other course requirements (performance, paper, project, portfolio, presentation, etc.) in order to test out.
4. Students must earn a C+ average on a comprehensive final exam as well as any other required work to successfully test out.

5. Students who test out of a course will receive credit for the course. This credit will count towards fulfillment of a high school requirement and toward the total credits required for graduation.
6. Students who test out of a course will have that course listed on their transcript with a "pass" marking. Once a student has tested out of a course, credit may not be given for a lower course in that sequence. Colleges and universities have specific standards for admission. It is unclear how they will view courses in which students have tested out. Students are to be encouraged to see their counselor and contact the college/university they plan to attend to seek additional information.
7. Students may not test out of a course while they are currently attending that course.

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**FITZGERALD HIGH SCHOOL
TESTING OUT APPLICATION**

I _____ hereby request to exercise the testing out option of Public Act 380.1278(a)(4)(c) and 380.1279(b) for the following course:

Name of course: _____

Agreement: I understand that the MME/ACT are mandated by the State of Michigan for every 11th grade student. Testing out of any class may affect MME/ACT results.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Credit Granted _____ C+ or better () Yes () No

Reason Credit Denied _____

Principal's Signature

Date