



Introduction of Michigan Merit Curriculum & Standards

Public schools in the State of Michigan must follow the Michigan Merit Curriculum, which outlines minimum requirements for earning a high school diploma as well as standards for content areas.

For a detailed description of the Michigan Merit Curriculum please see:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Complete_MMC_FAQ_August_2014_467323_7.pdf

Curriculum in Michigan is guided by the content standards. Our state has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English and Mathematics and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science. For information about CCSS and NGSS, please see:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FAQ_4.10.13_418299_7.pdf

<http://www.nextgenscience.org/>

For all other content areas, the Michigan Merit Curriculum standards apply. For more information, please see:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0%2C4615%2C7-140-28753_64839_65510---%2C00.html

At New School High, students' placement in courses is based on abilities and goals rather than age or grade level. Individualized projects and courses may be designed in collaboration with teachers and families, keeping the student's interests and goals in mind. Students are also encouraged to explore original ways they can demonstrate proficiency in the standards.

It is important to note that the MMC requires credit to be awarded "based on a student's demonstration that he or she has successfully met the content expectations for the credit area." Students may earn credit in various ways, including but not limited to: a traditional course setting, work-based learning programs, integrated sequences, project-based learning, independent teacher-guided study, and testing out.

NSH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Content Area	# of credits
English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Social Studies Includes .5 Government, .5 Economics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
PE/Health Includes .5 Michigan Model Health	4 credits
Arts/World Language	3 credits
Technology	1 credit
Advisory .25 per semester	2 credits
TOTAL	24 credits