

The Michigan Department of Education now makes it possible for eligible high school students to adjust parts of the Michigan Merit Curriculum and make their high school education more individualized. In order to be eligible for a Personal Curriculum a student needs to fall into one of four categories:

- ❖ Student demonstrates a need for modification of the State standards for Mathematics.*
- ❖ Student with an IEP needs modification to the Michigan Merit Curriculum within the area(s) of his/her disability.*
- ❖ Student transfers from out of state or from non-public school after completing the equivalent of two years of high school.*
- ❖ Student demonstrates need to modify Social Studies, Health/Physical Education, and/or Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts in order to take a department approved formal career and technical education program, or credits beyond those required in Math, English Language Arts, Science or World Language. Note: Student must earn two credits in Social Studies, including 1/2 credit in Civics before requesting a Personal Curriculum to modify the Social Studies requirement.*

A Personal Curriculum can be requested by a parent/legal guardian, teacher who is currently teaching the area of requested modification, school counselor or an emancipated student.

More information can be found at www.michigan.gov/mde. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this education option, please contact Robin Crane at 231-439-6800 or rcrane@concordpetoskey.com.