

# CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:

Legislation requires that public high schools in Michigan consider alternatives whereby students can earn high school credit. Public Act 335, Section 1279(b), of the State School Code requires the opportunity for any high school student to “test out” of any course.

Caledonia High School, in compliance with Section 1279 (b) and (e) of the School Code of Michigan, will allow students to “test out” of any course. These tests will be sound demonstrations of course mastery based on the standards of learning expected of the students enrolled in the same course. Because some end-of-year tests do not serve as comprehensive measures of content and skill “mastery” as expressed in the Michigan School code, students may be required to demonstrate a reasonable degree of mastery either through a written examination, written papers, projects, portfolios, or other comparable forms.

The following policy statements will apply:

1. This policy will apply equally to all students at Caledonia High School.
2. Course credit will only be granted for a C+ or better.
3. No letter grade may be earned by testing out of a course; the notation credit/no credit for testing out will apply.
4. Credits earned through this provision will not count toward graduation requirement credit; credit will only count toward fulfillment of a requirement for a subject area or a course sequence.
5. Students can take the “test out” option one time only for a specified course.

If a student wishes to “test out” it will be necessary to submit requests prior to the 2017/2018 school year.

Pick up a testing-out application from the student services office and return to Mrs. Koryto, Registrar, no later than May 1, 2017. A course description, course syllabus, book to study from, and a description of the “test out” requirements will be available by June 3, 2016. Tests and related materials will be made available at that time. Testing will be scheduled in early August.

Sincerely,

Brady Lake, Principal  
Caledonia High School

## A TIMELINE FOR TESTING OUT OPTION

January 2017	A letter of explanation from the principal will be sent to parents.
May 1, 2017	A completed application form indicating course(s) a student wishes to test out of, must be submitted to Mrs. Koryto, Registrar
May 25, 2017	Department chairpersons will make available to Mrs. Koryto, a course syllabus, a description of what will serve as exhibition of mastery of the course outcomes, the book to study from, along with a grid on how the grade will be determined.
June 5, 2017	Students may obtain a course syllabus and books from the Student Services Office. <b>A \$50.00 FEE WILL BE COLLECTED AND KEPT UNTIL BOOKS ARE RETURNED TO STUDENT SERVICES.</b>

### Dates for testing out test given:

August 7, 2016	Math courses and Elective courses testing out
August 8, 2016	Science and Freshman Applications course testing out
August 9, 2016	English courses and Social Studies courses testing out
After test	Pass/fail notices due to Principal and Mrs. Koryto, Registrar, no later than two days after test given
August	Letters sent to parents to inform them of students pass/fail

**CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL  
REQUEST FOR TESTING OUT**

Please Print or Type:

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE EXAMINATION REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Credit will be earned if the student receives a grade of “C+” or better on a comprehensive final examination, which could include, but is not limited to performance, papers, projects, and/or presentations.
- Credit will be recorded on the transcript as “Credit”, not a letter grade.
- It is the student’s responsibility to contact the school to obtain the course syllabus and course objectives for each class which will be available for students who meet the application deadline.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I am in agreement with my son/daughter testing out of the course listed above.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_