



Michigan Merit Curriculum

Caledonia Community Schools

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- The MMC specifies that all students who earn a diploma, at a minimum, have demonstrated proficiency with the content outlined by the state academic standards or guidelines.
- The MMC is not a curriculum in the traditional sense in that it doesn't describe instructional materials and approaches.
- The MMC supports the need for personalization, acceleration, and innovation in an atmosphere of high expectations and high support for students earning a diploma in Michigan.
- Local boards of education can establish additional graduation requirements beyond those in the MMC and the total number of credits required for graduation. However, a district cannot establish lesser requirements.

(MDE MMC FAQ)

CCS: Michigan Merit Curriculum Alignment

- Caledonia Community Schools graduation requirements exceed MMC requirements in Social Studies and Physical Education by one credit in each subject.
- The additional credit requirements limit options for students to take other courses. The proposed changes will allow greater flexibility for students to take courses that meet their college and career readiness goals.
- Students will be able to take additional credits in Social Studies and/or Physical Education, but would not be required to do so.

CCS: Michigan Merit Curriculum Alignment Social Studies and Physical Education Revisions

Social Studies	
Proposed Requirements	Current Requirements
3 Credits <u>Must include the following courses:</u> -U.S. History and Geography (1 credit) -World History and Geography (1 credit) -Economics (.5 credit) -Civics (.5 credit)	4 Credits <u>Must include the following courses:</u> -U.S. History and Geography (1 credit) -World History and Geography (1 credit) -Economics (.5 credit) -Civics (.5 credit) -Social Studies Elective (1 credit)
Health and Physical Education	
Proposed Requirements	Current Requirements
1 Credit <u>Must include the following courses:</u> -Health (.5 credit) Physical Education (.5 credit)	1.5 Credit <u>Must include the following courses:</u> -Health (.5 credit) -Physical Education (1 credit)

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- Caledonia Community Schools overall graduation requirements will remain the same at 28.75 credits.
- Social Studies required course credits will decrease from 4 to 3.
Physical Education credits will decrease from 1 to .5.
Elective credits will increase by 1.5 allowing students greater flexibility in their schedules.
- Students who would like additional flexibility in their schedule have the option to use a Personal Curriculum to substitute courses for the .5 PE requirement. This option will be communicated to all students during the annual registration process.
- The proposed changes will take place beginning with the 2019-2020 for all students.

CCS: Grading Scale Revision

- Caledonia Community Schools current grading scale is higher than comparable and neighboring districts.
- The proposed grading scale revisions will align with other districts in order to allow our students increased opportunities in situations where comparisons are used, such as college admission and scholarship awards.
- The proposed scale will begin in 2019-2020 for all students. GPA adjustments for courses taken in prior years will not be allowed.

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Caledonia Community Schools Grading Scale					
Proposed CCS Grading Scale			Current CCS Grading Scale		
100%	- 92.5% =	A	100%	- 94.5% =	A
92.4%	- 89.5% =	A-	94.4%	- 89.5% =	A-
89.4%	- 86.5% =	B+	89.4%	- 86.5% =	B+
86.4%	- 82.5% =	B	86.4%	- 82.5% =	B
82.4%	- 79.5% =	B-	82.4%	- 79.5% =	B-
79.4%	- 76.5% =	C+	79.4%	- 76.5% =	C+
76.4%	- 72.5% =	C	76.4%	- 72.5% =	C
72.4%	- 69.5% =	C-	72.4%	- 69.5% =	C-
69.4%	- 66.5% =	D+	69.4%	- 66.5% =	D+
66.4%	- 62.5% =	D	66.4%	- 62.5% =	D
62.4%	- 59.5% =	D-	62.4%	- 59.5% =	D-
Below 59.5%	=	NC	Below 59.5%	=	NC

In pursuit of excellence,
Caledonia Community Schools
will empower and equip all
persons to achieve their best
by ensuring the highest quality
system for learning.

