



Dear Parents / Guardians and Students,

This is to inform you that the State of Michigan's Public Act 335, Section 1279 b, requires that high school students be offered the opportunity of "testing out" of any Michigan Merit Curriculum course offered by the local school district. The intention of the legislation is twofold: first, to avoid using the class time of high school students who already possess the knowledge and skills provided by some courses; and second, to provide students with a much wider range of courses that will challenge and motivate them.

Students may "test out" of any course that they are not currently attending. To "test out," students must exhibit mastery of the essential student learnings of the course and must attain a C+ or higher on a comprehensive course assessment. Students may also be required to demonstrate mastery through assessments used in the class, which may include, but are not limited to, papers, portfolios, performances, projects, and/or presentations.

In Farmington, courses "tested out" will be accepted as fulfillment of a requirement in a course sequence and will be recorded on the student transcript as "TO" to indicate a "tested out" course. "Tested Out" courses will not satisfy numerical credits necessary to fulfill Farmington Public Schools graduation requirements but will allow students to obtain credit towards State of Michigan curriculum requirements. Additionally, "testing out" scores will not be computed in the grade point average. Once a student has "tested out" of a course, he/she may not enroll in that course. Further, once "tested out," a student may neither enroll in nor "test out" of a lower course in the course sequence. ***Please Note: If a student "tests out" of a course, schools will make every effort to accommodate schedule changes. If classes are full, however, students may have to wait for the next available term for enrollment.***

While the Farmington School District makes "testing out" available to all students, it cautions them that "testing out" of the instructional experiences provided through full course participation may limit / inhibit a student's ability to perform well in that area of the State High School Test. Students interested in this option should complete an application form (available through the school's counseling office or on our website) and return it to the Office of Assessment & School Improvement no later than **the date listed for the desired session on the Testing Out Schedule.** There is no charge for "testing out."

Students who are verified eligible for "testing out" will be notified. These students should refer to the following link for the appropriate curriculum map(s):

http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/curriculum/maps_hs.php

Please refer to the Testing Out Schedule for the appropriate test administration date for the desired session. Students will be notified of the specific daily exam schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristin Gekiere".

Kristin Gekiere, Ph.D.

Director, Assessment & School Improvement