

February 25, 2011

Dear Student:

Effective April 1, 1996, Public Act 160 created the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, commonly referred to as dual enrollment. This law directs school districts to assist students in paying tuition and fees for courses at Michigan public or private colleges or universities, if all of the following conditions are met.

1. The student is in grade 11 or 12.
2. The student has taken one of the following assessments and qualified by meeting one of the minimum cut scores.

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Test Section</b>	<b>Content Area</b>	<b>Cut Score</b>
<b>PSAT</b>	Critical Reading	Reading	44
	Writing Skills	Writing	49
	Mathematics	Mathematics	45
<b>PLAN</b>	Mathematics	Mathematics	18
	Reading	Reading	17
	Science	Science	19
	English	English	21
<b>ACT</b>	Mathematics	Mathematics	18
	Reading	Reading	17
	Science	Science	19
	English	English	21
<b>MME</b>	Reading	Reading	1100
	Writing	Writing	1100
	Mathematics	Mathematics	1100
	Science	Science	1100
	Social Studies	Social Studies	1100

3. The student must be enrolled in both the Saline Area Schools and the postsecondary institution during the regular academic year and must be enrolled in at least one high school class.
4. The Saline Area Schools must not offer the college courses. An exception to this could occur if the Saline Area Schools Board of Education determines that a scheduling conflict exists which is beyond the student's control

5. The college courses cannot be a hobby, craft or recreation course or in the subject areas of physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education.
6. School districts are required to pay the lesser of:
  - a. The actual charge for tuition, mandatory course fees, materials fees and registration fees, or
  - b. That state portion of the student's foundation allowance, adjusted to the proportion of the school year that they attend the postsecondary institution.

Additionally, according to P.A. 160, eligible students may take courses for which there are endorsements, such as computer science, foreign language, history, political science, or psychology, as long as they have taken all sections of the MME, PLAN or ACT or College Board PSAT. State endorsement is not required in any specific area for this participation.

The Saline Area Schools requires that students interested in dual enrollment complete the requisite dual enrollment form (available in the guidance office), and secure all necessary signatures: parent, counselor, building principal. The final approval on dual enrollment rests with the building principal.

Please review the contents of this letter with your parents. If you believe that you are eligible for dual enrollment, qualify for tuition and fee support, and wish to participate, please contact the guidance office for a dual enrollment form.

If you have other questions regarding dual enrollment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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