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May 19, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In accordance with Michigan Legislation, Mason High School provides the opportunity for eligible high school students to “test out” of any course prior to enrolling in that course. The testing out provision was designed for students who have demonstrated an extraordinary understanding and mastery of a subject area. When students possess this level of proficiency, we wish to give them the opportunity to advance in a subject area without having to enroll in courses that are comprised of material the student already knows. This, however, establishes a high standard for those who are considering the testing out option. The low percentage of students who actually pass the testing out option tells us that too many of our students misunderstand the purpose and intent of the original legislation that created this opportunity.

In order to “test out”, students will need to exhibit mastery of the subject matter of the course by attaining a grade of C+ or higher in a final examination like test and/or may be required to demonstrate competency through other assessments such as portfolios, performances, papers, projects, and presentations. A student successfully testing out of a course will be awarded credit in that class and the letters “TOC” for testing out will be listed on the student’s transcript. There will not be a letter grade listed on the transcript for the class in which the student tested out and the student’s grade point average will not be impacted. Students interested in the testing out option must complete the Google registration form by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/wXWnsrZZbedn8c6V8> no later than **Wednesday, May 31**.

In closing, I want to caution students and parents/guardians that while the opportunity to “test out” of a course is provided under the law, passing a final examination or other assessment is not a substitute for experiencing a course and participating in the daily interactions and higher level discussions that occur with other students and the instructor. Please give careful consideration as to whether testing out is a wise choice for your child.

If you have any questions, please contact the high school principal’s office at (517) 676-6487.

Sincerely,

Lance Delbridge, Principal