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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

In an effort to meet students' needs and interests, school districts have historically allowed their students to take courses at local colleges or universities in addition to courses at their own high school. This is called "dual enrollment."

Public Act 160 and Public Act 258 of 2000, 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.

1. Students in grades 9-12 may enroll in academic and career and technical education programs. Students must be enrolled in both the school district and post-secondary institution during the local school district's regular academic year and must be enrolled in at least one high school class.
2. Eligible courses include courses not offered or available by the school district or courses in a postsecondary CTE program or occupational training program. The college courses cannot be a hobby, craft or recreation course, or in the subject areas of physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education.
3. Students may take up to ten courses overall but not more than two courses in their first, second or third academic year of enrollment or not more than four classes per semester in their fourth academic year at any public institution of higher learning. However, students *must* remove a high school class from their schedule for each class they take in college. A student's schedule must indicate 'dual enrollment' for each high school course removed.
4. Students can qualify with minimum qualifying scores on assessments such as PSAT, ACT, SAT or M-STEP. Students who wish to take advantage of this opportunity need careful course planning and counseling.

School districts are required to pay the lesser of: a) the actual charge for tuition or fees; or b) the student's state school aid foundation allowance, adjusted to the proportion of the school year they attend the post-secondary institution. Students are no longer eligible when all the high school graduation requirements have been met.

Please review the contents of this letter. If you believe you are eligible for dual enrollment, and you wish to participate, contact your school counselor.

Sincerely,



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