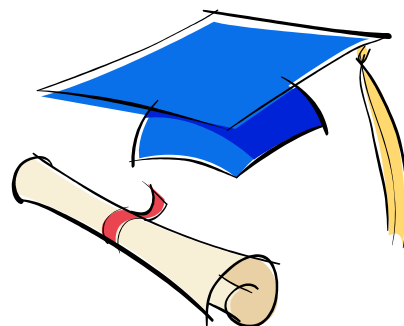


Michigan Merit Curriculum



Example of Freshman Schedule

	Fall	Winter	Spring
1	Biology	Biology	Health
2	Algebra I	Algebra I	World History
3	English 9	World History	English 9
4	Physical Ed	Visual Performing Applied Arts (VPAA)	Open Choice
5	Open Choice	Open Choice	Open Choice

Freshman Schedule with Band

	Fall	Winter	Spring
1	Algebra I	Algebra I	Health
2	English 9	English 9	World History
3	Biology	World History	Biology
4	Physical Ed	Open Choice	Open Choice
5	Band A (PE)	Band B (VPAA)	Band C (VPAA)

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE



2009-10

Trimester Schedule
for
Central & Western
High Schools

Trimester Schedule for High School students

We are proud to announce that Central and Western High Schools are switching to a trimester schedule beginning in the fall of 2009.

What does this mean to you?

- You will have more courses to choose from.
- Instead of 2 semesters, you will have 3 trimesters.
- Each term in the trimester schedule is 12 weeks long.
- You will take 5 classes each term.
- Classes will meet daily.



Focus on learning

Frequently Asked Questions



Why are we switching to a Trimester Schedule?

The trimester schedule will help students meet the new state mandates of increased graduation requirements and provide the flexibility that will meet the individualized needs of every student.

What is the difference between a trimester schedule and the current semester schedule?

Students will take 5 classes each for three terms (72 minute classes for approximately 12 weeks in length), rather than 6 classes for each of 2 semesters. Trimester classes will meet daily.

What courses will meet for 1 term, 2 terms, or 3 terms?

Current 1 semester courses will meet 1 term, current 2 semester courses will meet 2 terms. Band, choir, Basic (Special Ed) courses and Advanced Placement courses will meet 3 terms.

Why do Advanced Placement courses meet 3 terms? Why not other courses, specifically honors courses?

AP courses require more time to cover the rigorous AP College Board curriculum in preparation of the AP exam taken at the end of April.

How will credits be determined?

A half credit (.5) will be earned for each trimester course. The total number of credits needed to graduate are:

Class of: 2010—24.5 credits

2011—26 credits

2012—26.5 credits

2013—27 credits

Will trimesters have a negative impact on college admissions?

No, this is not an issue with universities and colleges.

Preparing for the future.

