



November 4, 2009

Dear Parents and Students:

Public Act 335, Section 21B, of the state code, requires that any high school student be offered the opportunity to “test out” of any course offered by his/her high school.

In order to test out, students must exhibit mastery of the course content by attaining a passing grade of 78% or better on a comprehensive final assessment. In addition, along with the exam, students may also be required to demonstrate mastery through basic assessments used in the class, which may include but not be limited to, a portfolio, research papers, projects and/or oral presentations.

If the student attains at least a 78% on the testing out assessment, s/he will receive credit in the course toward graduation, as well as allow the student to satisfy core content requirements. For example, testing out of Algebra I would allow a student to move on to Geometry. Once the testing out exam is passed, a student may not receive credit for a lower course in that course sequence. While the student will receive credit for testing out of a course with a 78% or higher, a G (credit) will be entered on the student’s transcript, but a grade will not be included in the computation of the grade point average. If a student had already taken the entire course prior to testing out, but did not pass the course, the failing grade will remain on the student’s transcript and averaged into the grade point average. This is for core classes (required for graduation) only.

For non-core classes, students may “place out” meaning students may take the test to place them in a more advanced course. Credit is not given for students placing out of course sequence.

Testing out examinations for first semesters of the 2009-2010 school year will take place the week of January 25, 2010. Students who sign up will be notified of the exact date of their test.

If your student wants to test out, please fill out the registration form included with this letter and return it to Student Services no later than December 1, 2009. No requests will be taken after that date. Those students, who sign up to take the testing out course assessment, will receive a course instructional map and any other requirements to meet mastery.

Sincerely,

Linda Chudy-Bowman
Assistant Principal

Mission Statement

In support of our community, the mission of the South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process so that all students can excel as individuals and become contributing members of society.

Testing Out Registration Request

Due December 1, 2009

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Please list the course(s) you want to test out of the week of January 25, 2010:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The high school will prepare copies of the instructional map for each class that you have expressed an interest in testing out. If you are required to demonstrate mastery through a portfolio, paper(s), projects and/or presentations, or other means of assessments that require prior preparation, you will be notified.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____