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, portfolios, research performance 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 record and figured 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 the second semester of the 2015-16 school year will take place the week of January 25, 2016.
- Testing out examinations for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year will take place the week of June 20, 2016
- 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 by the due date. Those students who sign up to test out will receive a course instructional map and other requirements to meet mastery.

Sincerely,

Linda Chudy-Bowman, SLEHS Assistant Principal
Mitch Rosekrans, SLHS Assistant Principal
South Lyon High Schools
Testing Out Registration Request
Due December 4, 2015

☐ South Lyon High School  ☐ South Lyon East High School

Name: ____________________________________________  Grade: __________

Home Telephone #: ________________________________________________________

Student’s Cell Phone #: ______________________________________________________

Please list the course(s) you want to test out of the week of January 25, 2016:

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: __________

Please return to Student Services by December 4, 2015