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DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dear Ogemaw Heights High School Student:

Historically, school districts have, in an effort to meet students' needs and interests, allowed their students to attend courses at local colleges or universities, in addition to their own school. Effective April 1, 1996, 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. The following are some of the eligibility guidelines/standards:

1. Students in grades 9 through 12 may take up to ten postsecondary courses.
2. Students can qualify for dual enrollment by taking one of the following assessments: SAT, PSAT, PLAN, EXPLORE ACT, or MME. Additionally, according to P.A. 160, eligible students may take courses for which there are no endorsements, such as computer science, foreign language, history, political science or psychology, as long as they have taken all sections of the MME or other qualifying assessment. State endorsement is not required in any specific area for this participation. Your guidance counselor can help you determine if you are eligible to participate based on your scores.
3. Students must be enrolled in both the eligible school (public or private) and eligible post-secondary institution during the local school's regular academic year and must be enrolled in at least one high school class.
4. The college courses cannot be a hobby, craft, or recreation course, or in the subject areas of physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education.
5. School districts are required to pay an amount equal to the prorated percentage of the statewide pupil-weighted average foundation allowance, based on the proportion of the school year that the eligible student attends the eligible postsecondary institution. Eligible charges include tuition and mandatory course fees, material fees, and registration fees required by an eligible institution for enrollment in the course. *Eligible charges do not include transportation or parking costs or activity fees.*

Please review the contents of this letter with your parents. If you believe you are eligible for dual enrollment, qualify for tuition and fee support, and wish to participate, contact your Guidance Counselor.

Sincerely,



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