

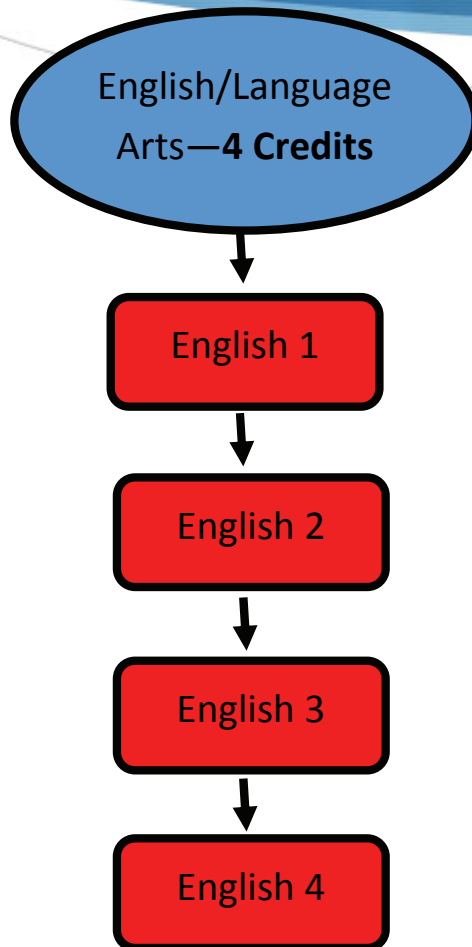
# Michigan Merit Curriculum Changes

Adapted from Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals 2015

# Review of Core MMC Changes

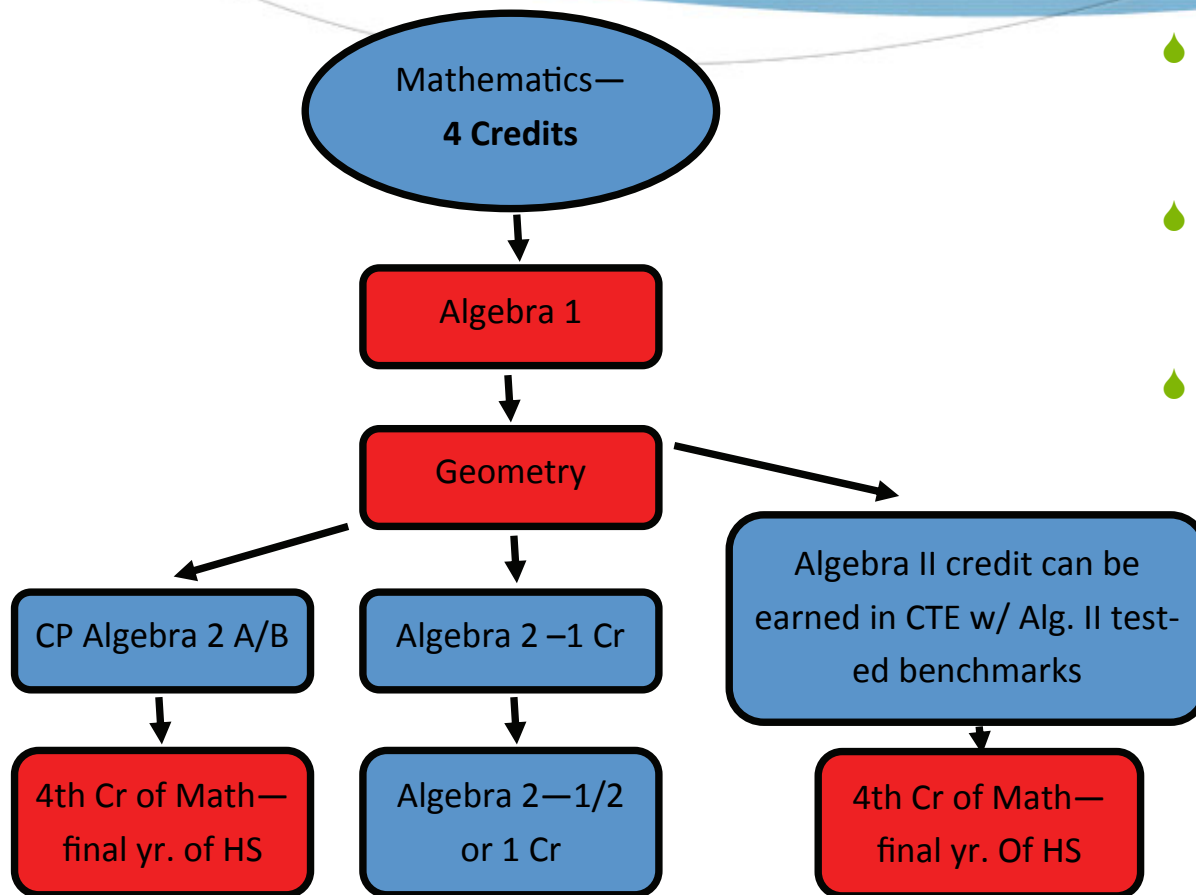
- ◆ Algebra II: Students may fulfill this requirement w/ a course or courses which cover the MME assessed benchmarks of Algebra II
- ◆ World Language:
  - ◆ 2 credits of grade-appropriate language anytime during grades K-12.
  - ◆ Classes of 2015-2020: May fulfill 1 credit of the 2 credits by successfully completing a formal CTE program or an additional arts course.
- ◆ Science:
  - ◆ 3 credits still required for most students. Biology required for all students.
  - ◆ Students have a choice of chemistry, physics, **anatomy, ag science, or a course that covers the MME assessed benchmarks of chemistry or physics**
  - ◆ May substitute a formal CTE program (regardless of content) for 3<sup>rd</sup> credit of science.

# English Language Arts



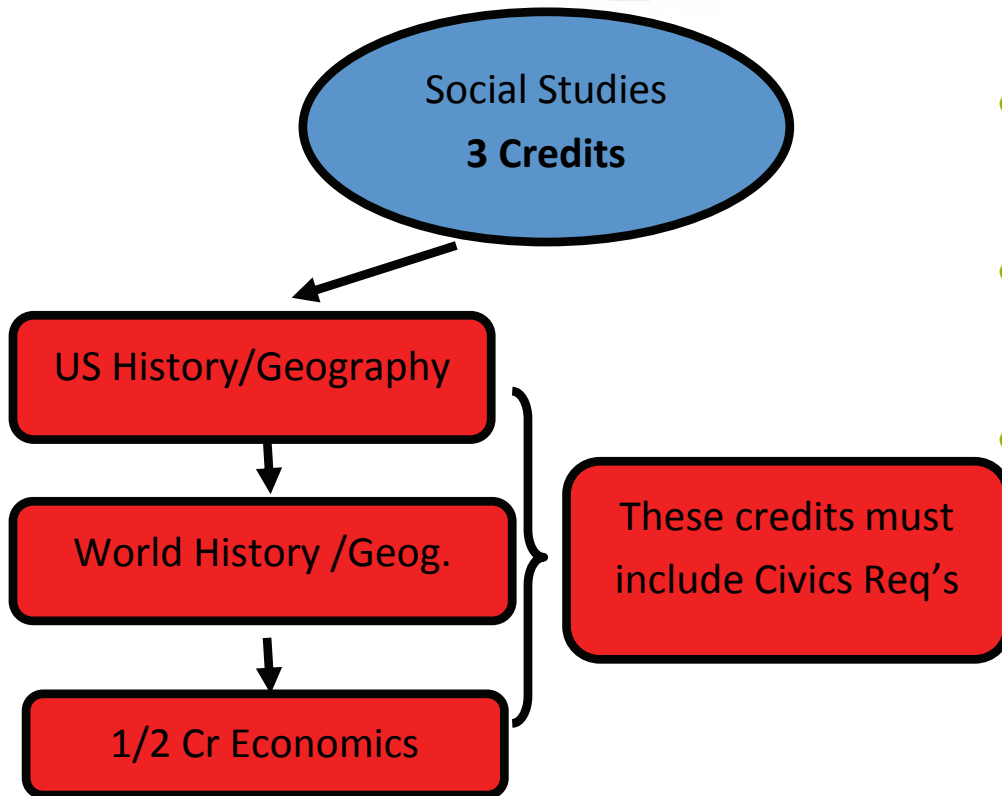
- 4 credits of ELA are required for all students.
- No substitutions are allowed under either the core MMC or a personal curriculum.

# Mathematics



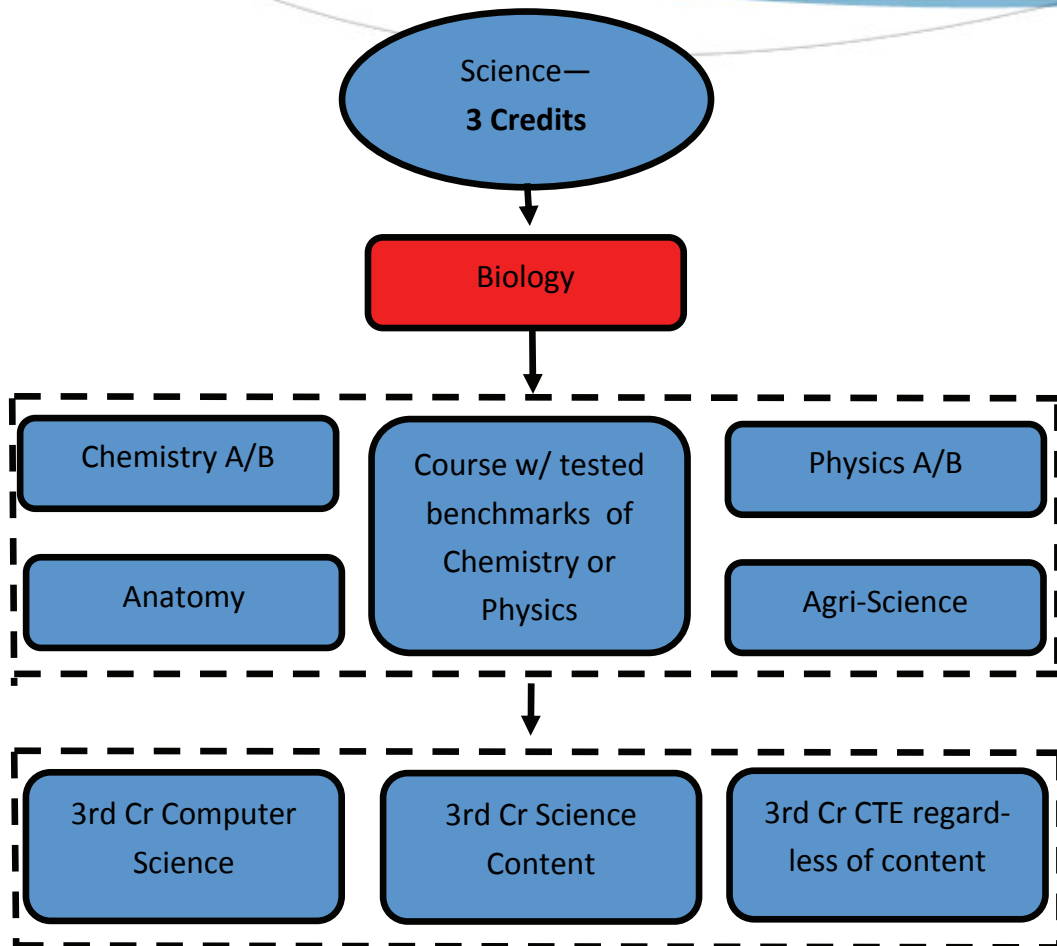
- 4 credits of math are required for all students.
- At least 1 of those courses must be taken senior year.
- Schools may allow students 2 options (other than simply taking the course) for completing algebra 2
  - Taking Algebra 2 as 1.5 or 2 credits over 2 years
  - Completing a course that covers the Alg 2 assessed benchmarks

# Social Studies



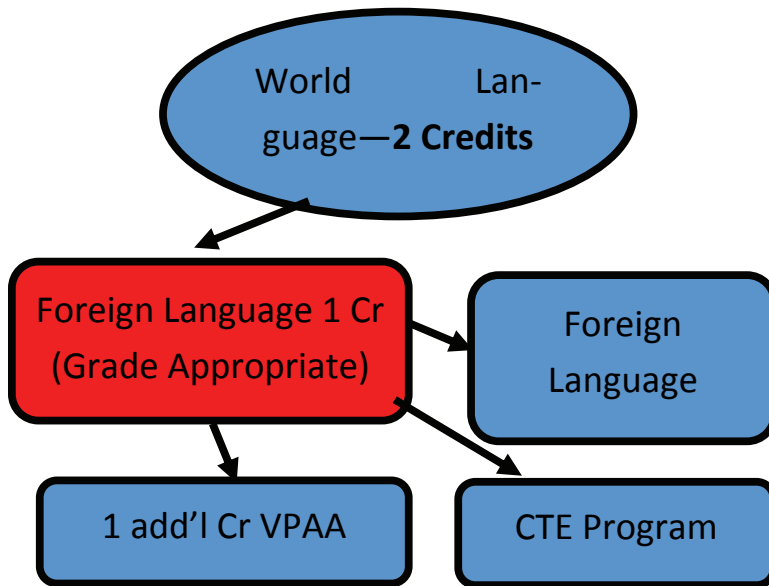
- 3 credits of social studies required for all students
- No substitutions are allowed without a PC
- Schools may choose to fulfill the civics requirement by embedding the content into another course (this is not new or a change).

# Science



- 3 credits of science are required
- All students must complete biology
- Schools may allow students up to 5 options for fulfilling the second science credit
- Schools may also allow students to fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> science credits requirement with 3 different options, only 1 of which requires a traditional science course

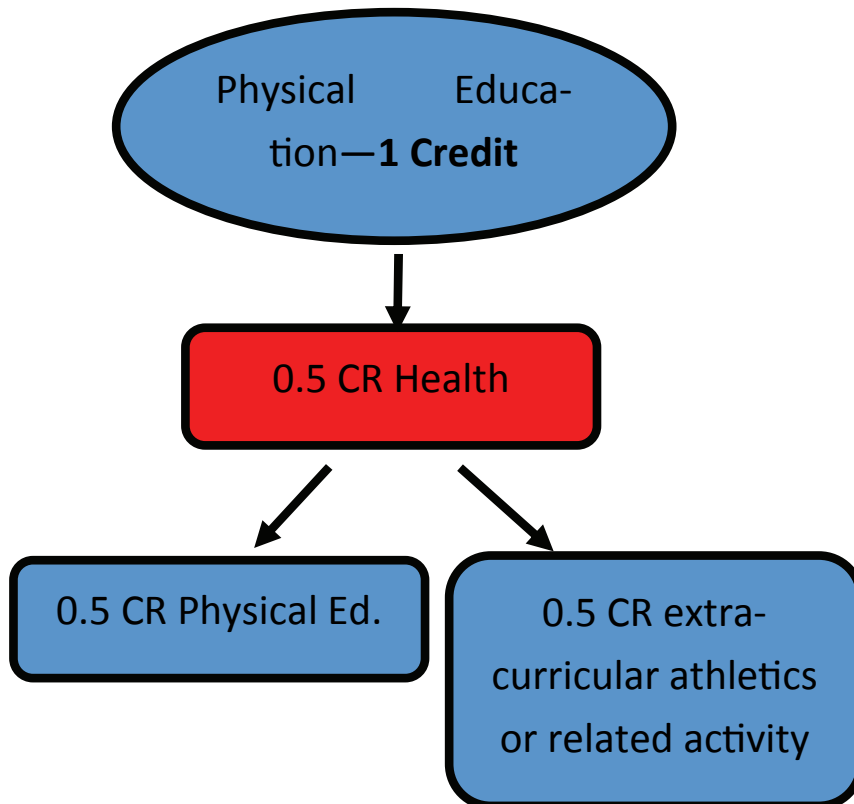
# World Language



- 2 credits of world language are required.
- For the classes of 2015-2020, students may substitute an additional VPAA course or a CTE course for the 2<sup>nd</sup> credit
- Beginning with the class of 2021, this substitution would no longer be allowed.



# Physical Education



- 1 credit in physical education is required
- However, only .5 credits in health is required for all students.
- Schools may award up to .5 credits in physical education for participation in extracurricular activities involving physical activity.



# Visual, Perf., & Applied Arts

- ◆ 1 credits is required for all students
- ◆ No substitution is allowed without a PC

Visual, Performing, Applied  
Arts (VPAA)—**1 Credit**

1.0 Cr of Band, Art, Publications, Year-  
book, Choir, etc.

# Personal Curriculum

- ◆ Schools required to write a PC if requested by the parent (or by the student if he or she is 18 years old or an emancipated minor). The school would still have the right to reject the PC once written.
- ◆ Three simplifications were made to the PC process.
  - ◆ Only one school employee would now have to be involved.
  - ◆ No requirement for an in-person meeting to develop the PC.
  - ◆ No requirement for quarterly progress meetings.
- ◆ Under a PC students/schools may now make additional modifications:
  - ◆ For Algebra II: students may substitute technical math or may take a class that covers at least the MME assessed benchmarks of algebra 2.
  - ◆ Students may substitute CTE courses (regardless of content) for up to 1 credit of social studies; 1 credit of health and physical education; and 1 credit of visual, performing, or applied arts.

# Personal Curriculum (contd.)

- ◆ The law would now expressly state that no limitation may be put on the number of PCs a school is allowed to have.
- ◆ Schools must notify parents and students annually that they are entitled to pursue a PC. This may be done in the school newsletter, handbook, or similar communication sent to the pupil's home.
- ◆ Pupils must be informed of the option to take CTE during their education development plan (EDP) development process.