


A photograph of a school hallway. In the center, there is a row of blue lockers. Above the lockers, a round analog clock is mounted on the wall. The hallway is flanked by white brick walls and has a grey floor. The text "Personal Curriculum:" is overlaid in large, bold, black font across the upper part of the image.

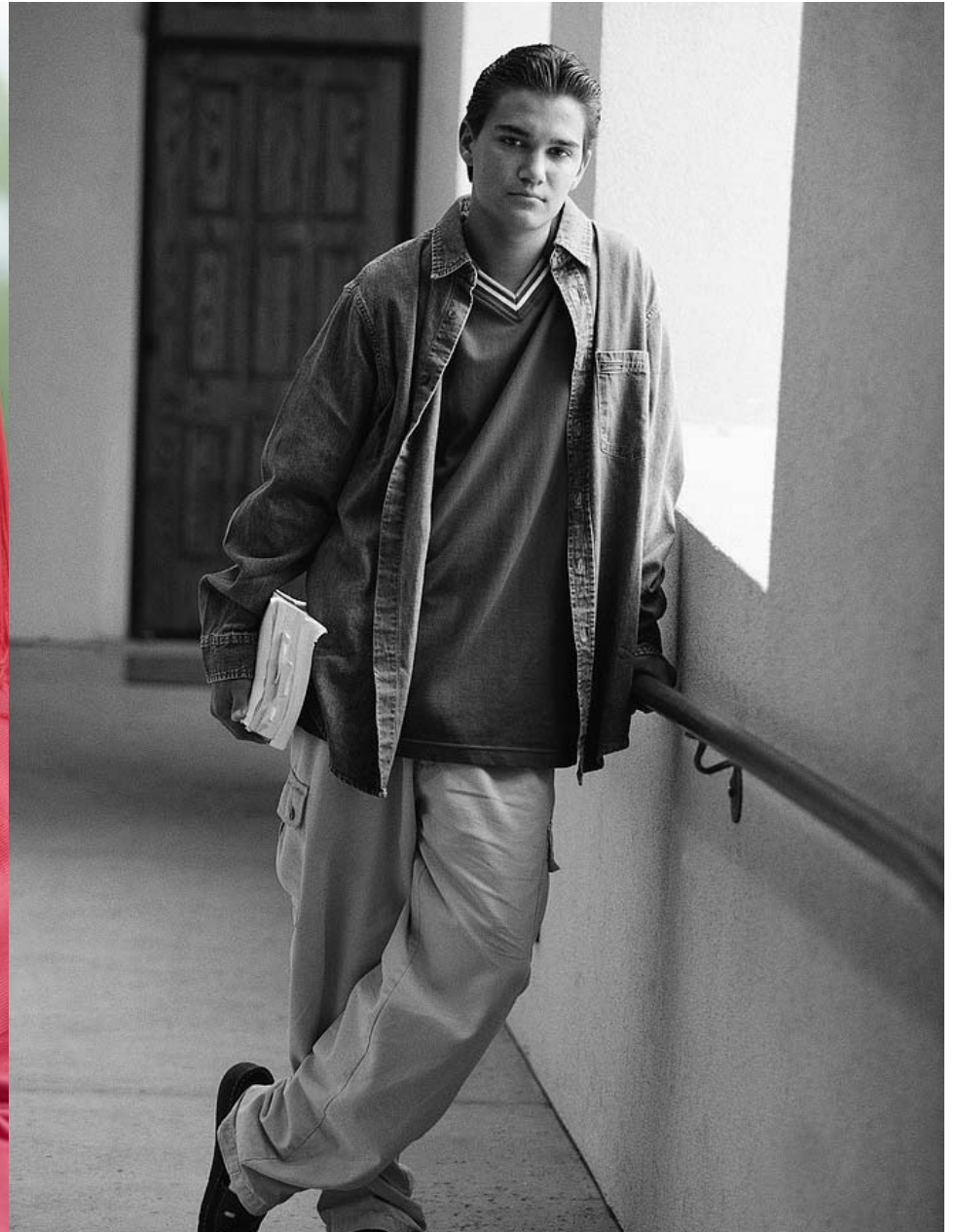
# Personal Curriculum:

*Individualizing the Rigor and  
Relevance of the Michigan  
Merit Curriculum*

A red notebook with a textured cover and a red pencil are positioned on the left side of the slide. The notebook is open, showing its pages, and the pencil is sharpened and lies diagonally across the bottom left corner.

**What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children. Any other ideal for our schools is narrow and unlovely; acted upon it destroys our democracy.**

- John Dewey



## Diploma or Completion?

What is  
allowable?



## 1.0 Credit Algebra II



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0.5 Credit Algebra II

OR

0.5 Credit Statistics

OR

0.5 Credit Functions  
and Data Analysis

1.0 Credit PE and Health

AND/OR

1.0 Credit Social Studies

AND/OR

1.0 Credit VPAA



**Personal Curriculum**

Additional Credit(s) in

**ELA**

AND/OR

**Mathematics**

AND/OR

**Science**

AND/OR

**World Languages**

# Michigan Merit Curriculum (Transfer Student)



**Personal Curriculum**

Modifications  
“not otherwise  
allowed”\*

\* Civics and Mathematics Requirements

# Michigan Merit Curriculum (Student with an IEP)



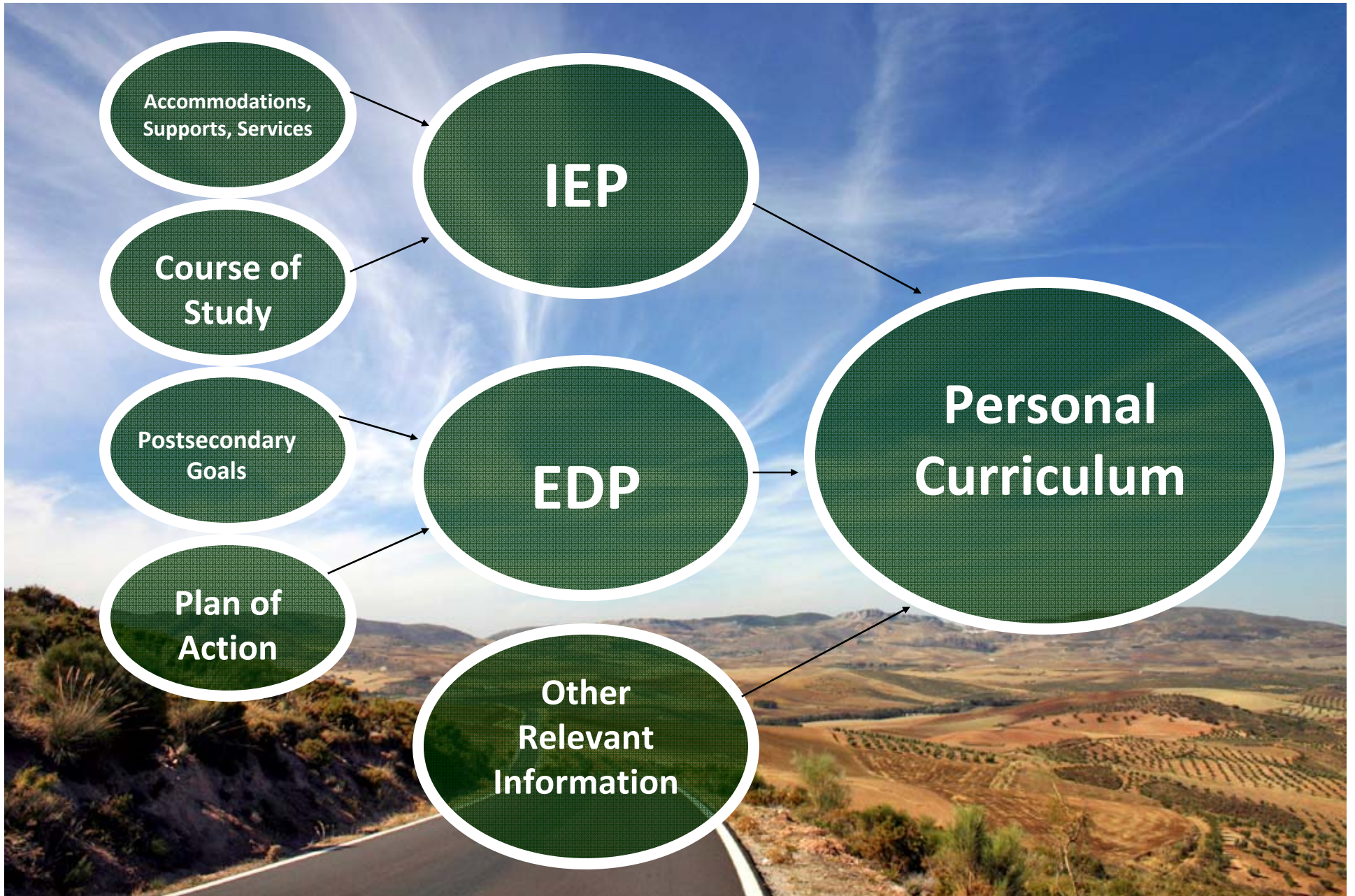
**Personal Curriculum**

Modifications  
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What is  
appropriate?





*“...shall ensure that each pupil is offered the curriculum necessary for the pupil to meet the curricular requirements....”*

**380.1278b(7)**

*“...modification of the Michigan merit standard requirements that would not otherwise be allowed....”*

**380.1278b(5)(k)**

# Questions?

# MDE Personal Curriculum Website

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_30334\\_49879---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_49879---,00.html)

## Personal Curriculum Network

<http://personalcurriculum.ning.com/>

Invitation link: <http://personalcurriculum.ning.com/?xgi=4sNsrzano8HQn8>

## ACTPoint

<http://www.actpoint.com/mi/index.cfm>

***Can an LEA write a personal curriculum for a student with an IEP that removes an entire required credit (or credits) and still grant the student a diploma?***

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