

SEHS Petitions of Exception to begin Major Standing Courses without passing the SAT

The Michigan Department of Education requires teachers to pass a Basic Skills Requirement in order to student teach. The SAT is the current basic skills requirement in Michigan (it is the only testing option to meet the requirement as of September 2017). Oakland University requires passing scores on the SAT test for students to enter major standing in the Elementary Education program. Passing scores on the SAT are considered a 480 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 530 on Math.

- The Elementary Education Council voted in September 2017, that students that begin major standing in winter 2018 and later semesters will only be eligible to submit one petition of exception which would allow students to take up to two semesters of major standing classes while they work to pass the SAT.
- Students that submit a petition of exception to begin major standing classes for Winter 2018 and later semesters without having passed both sections of the SAT will only be granted an exception of taking two semesters of coursework.
- Taking courses beyond these two semesters will require successful completion and passing scores of the SAT. Second petitions of exception will not be considered for students who start major standing classes in Winter 2018.

Petitions of Exception must include:

1. To what rule(s) do you want an exception?

“To begin major standing courses prior to successful completion of the SAT”

2. What is your reason for requesting an exception to the rule(s)? Be sure to include the following

- **Acknowledge** that you understand the petition is only granting you two semester of classes, and you must pass the SAT in order to register in semesters beyond these two.
- **Proof of previous test scores-** You must have taken the SAT at least one time (excluding high school scores) prior to filing a petition of exception. Upload a copy of your “Student Score Report” from the CollegeBoard into the petition of exception. If you do not have a copy of your scores please contact your SEHS Adviser.
- **An analysis of failed content areas-** your score report will outline the test objectives that need the most improvement. Here is a guide to how to read your score report:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/interpreting>
- **A plan of action for success-** this plan should be comprehensive and specific to you and the test objectives that require the most improvement. (The committee will not accept plans that simply say “I plan to study harder”). Strong plans will include in-depth reflection and include dates and timelines of when and how often you plan to spend time preparing for the test, a specific re-test date, and resources you will utilize. Sample resources include:
 - Utilizing campus or online resources. Details at: <http://wwwp.oakland.edu/sehs-advising/mttc/>
 - Taking SAT practice tests once you have spent more time studying to help identify where more studying is required. CollegeBoard offers 7 full length practice tests available for free available at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>
 - Participating in Free online SAT tutoring through Khan Academy. Available online here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>
 - Please also include any other personal plans you have.

To submit your petition of exception please visit: <https://www2.oakland.edu/secure/sehs/exception/>

Approved Petitions of Exception will allow students to take major standing courses for only two semesters.