

2nd Petitions: SEHS Petitions of Exception to continue Major Standing Courses without passing the SAT

(Only considered for students starting major standing classes prior to Winter 2018)

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.

Second Petitions of Exception should include the following:

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

“A second petition to continue major standing courses prior to successful completion of the SAT”
(please ensure you use the word *second*).

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

- **Acknowledge your understanding that passing the Michigan Basic Skills Requirement (the SAT) is required for student teaching.** This statement must be in your petition in order for it to be approved.
- **A plan of action for retaking the test-** this plan should be specific and identify the strategies and resources that you will use to prepare to take or retake the SAT. Address what you will do differently this time. See the SEHS Advising Website <https://wwwp.oakland.edu/sehs-advising/mttc/>
- **Date of the recent attempt on the SAT-** in order to be eligible for the second petition of exception students must have attempted the SAT (or PRE/ACT if prior to September 2017) at least one time since they first petitioned this committee. Please provide your most recent test date(s).
- **Graduation and Career Planning-** Successful completion of the Michigan Basic Skills Requirement (SAT) is required for student teaching, and student teaching is required for teaching certification. In this petition please identify your revised graduation and career plans in the case that you are unsuccessful in passing the SAT. Here are some resources to help you:
 - Meeting with SEHS Advising to discuss graduating with a B.S. In Elementary Education without student teaching. To make an appointment please call 1-248-370-4182 to meet with your adviser.
 - Meeting with Career Services to discuss job possibilities and job search strategies for non-teaching positions that utilize your transferable skills. To make an appointment please call 1-248-370-3250
 - Identify your marketable transferable skills. Check out this website for example
 - <https://www.brandman.edu/blog/20-transferable-skills-alternative-career-choices-teachers>
 - Explore careers you can do with a teaching major
 - <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/education/>

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