

### 2017-2018 Option II Application Process

Please see the below instructions for the Option II application. The Option II application is used for applying for a class, outside of the MCTS Academies, to receive high school credit.

#### Directions for applying for Option II:

- Students must fill out an application for Option II credits two weeks prior to the course start date for approval. Registration starts with the Guidance office, however, the college needs time to process all registrations.
  - Fall 2017 semester deadline is Tuesday, August 1, 2017
  - Winter 2017 semester deadline is Friday, December 1, 2017
  - Spring 2018 semester deadline is Wednesday, January 3, 2018
  - Summer 2018 semester deadline is Tuesday May 1, 2018
  - Fall 2018 semester deadline is Wednesday, August 1, 2018

All applications are due to the Guidance office by 2:30 pm on the above mentioned dates. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Once you have received an approved form you may register for the course. When the course is complete, you must give the Guidance office your official college transcript. All grades will then be Board approved.
- Please allow one week from receipt of the transcript for the course(s) to be added to your Mercer County Technical Schools transcript.

If you choose to take additional courses, which were not on the approved list, you may still take the course, but will not receive high school credit. You may still mail in your transcript, from which that course is from, with your college application.

**Students are responsible for planning semester courses. Option II graduation course requirements must be taken in the first semester of the school year, there are no exceptions. MCCC classes must be taken after second block of your Academy schedule.**



## OPTION II APPLICATION

Option II establishes alternate pathways for students of the Mercer County Technical Schools District to satisfy requirements for high school graduation and meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards in accord with the New Jersey Administrative Code (*N.J.A.C. 6A:8-15.1(a)lii*) and Common Core Standards for Math and Literacy.

The purpose of Option II is to provide educational experiences that are meaningful and relevant, and that provide students with opportunities to explore and achieve at high levels. In order to maximize student achievement and meet diverse pathways for learning, Option II permits students to employ alternative learning experiences that are stimulating and intellectually challenging, and that enable students to fulfill or exceed the expectations set forth in the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Employment of Option II may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following alternatives: student exchange programs, interdisciplinary or theme-based programs, independent study, internships, community service, accredited college coursework, meaningful research and structured learning experiences.

Option II alternatives requested by eligible students must meet or exceed the proficiencies established by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards, receive prior approval by the principal and/or Option II Review Committee and demonstrate satisfactory performance as measured by district approved competency assessment instruments, such as Acellus or Educere, in order for credits to be awarded.

It is understood that participation in Option II alternative experiences is voluntary. Students may fulfill the requirements for graduation by pursuing credits earned through the traditional classroom environment (*N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.7*), through alternative learning experiences availed by Option II (*N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1(a)lii*), or through a combination of both programs. However, approved participation in Option II activities implies student and/or parent responsibility for attendance, transportation, personal safety and well-being, specialized equipment and any and all costs not otherwise provided by the school.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course section \_\_\_\_\_ Dates & Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course name \_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Attach course description and alignment with Core Curriculum Content Standards.

MCTS Academy / full time grades will not be calculated in the student's cumulative GPA. Final grades on an official n submitted to receive credit on the MCTS transcript.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student's email address \_\_\_\_\_

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 Date of Option II Committee Review \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course Completed \_\_\_\_\_ 5 credits \_\_\_\_\_ or 2.5 credits \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Documented \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_