

**MERCER COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
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)iii*) 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:8-5.1*), through alternative learning experiences availed by Option II (*N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)iii*), 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 _____

PS	Course Name	Course Section	Date/Time	Semester	Payment Responsibility	(Admin) Approved

Attach course description and alignment with Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Please check one:

_____ I require transportation to classes. _____ I DO NOT require transportation to classes.

Academy / Full Time grades will not be calculated in the student's cumulative GPA. Final grades on an official document must be submitted to receive credit on the MCTS transcript.

Parent Signature _____ Parents Email: _____

Student Signature _____ Student Email: _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date: _____