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 Health Science Academy, to receive high school credit. Course that are approved under the Option II program are as followed:

Directions for applying for Option II:

1. Students must fill out an application for Option II credits two weeks prior to the course start date. This form must be handed in two weeks prior to the course start date for approval and signature of an administrator. Registration is started with Mrs. Ferdetta however; the college needs time to process all registrations.

2. Once you have received an approval from an administrator with a signed option II form, you may begin to register your course. Once you have completed the course you must hand in an official college transcript with the course listed to the Guidance Department. Once we receive the grade it will submitted for Board approval.

3. Please allow one week from receipt of the transcript for the course(s) to be added to your high school transcript. Your course will not be added to your high school transcript if the official transcript is not received.

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 will be no exceptions. MCCC classes must be taken after lunch is over.
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 accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-13.1(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.

Student Name ___________________________ Grade Level ____________

Course Request for Option II ________________________________

Name of Program/School __________________________ Dates/Times __________________

Attempting 120 Hour program (5 credit) __________ 60 Hour program (2.5 credit) __________

Attach course description and alignment with Core Curriculum Content Standards.

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

Parent Signature ________________________________

Student Signature ________________________________

Date of Option II Committee Review ______________

Approved ______________ Denied ______________

Principal Signature ______________________________

________________________ Course completed ________________________________ grade documented ______________________________