



Marcus

Marcus is an average student academically but his passion is music. He plans to be a classical musician someday but he knows that he needs to get into a good university in order to be able to pursue classical music. Marcus made it through his freshman year with fairly good grades but he struggled in geometry in his sophomore year. He went to after-school tutoring and did some online tutorials but he still failed geometry. His parents enrolled him in a summer credit recovery course and by the end he was starting to understand, but he still did not pass. Now he needs to make up geometry and keep progressing in his other core courses, but he still doesn't feel comfortable with the geometry curriculum. What can he do?

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
First Period	Algebra I	Geometry	Geometry (retake)	Algebra II
Second Period	English	English	English	English
Third Period	US History	Gov't & Econ	Algebra II	Earth Science
Fourth Period	Biology	Chemistry	Math Support	PE & Health
Fifth Period	French 1 (online)	French 2 (online)	Orchestra	Orchestra
Sixth Period	Band	Band	Band	Band

What we did:

Marcus didn't come into high school with any MMC credits, so he was already going to have a very busy schedule. He needed band and at least two years of orchestra experience for the Schools of Music he wanted to attend. After he failed 10th grade Geometry, Marcus's parents came in to talk to the school counselor about a personal curriculum. The counselor discussed having Marcus substitute an *additional* math class for either his VPAA credit, PE & Health credit, or his third Social Studies credit. Since Marcus's music classes were already counting for his VPAA that credit was not an option. Marcus's parents did not want him pulled out of Health & PE because they felt that content was important for a young man to have. They were not as concerned with World History. So, during his junior year, Marcus will be taking three math classes with the third class supporting him in being successful in Geometry and Algebra II. Marcus spoke up and said that he was worried that he would also struggle in Algebra II, since it would "probably be even harder than Geometry." So Marcus's counselor suggested that he take Algebra II over two years for two credits and not take the fourth related math credit to give him more time to work through Algebra II.

Does Marcus have enough credit to graduate with a diploma?

1. Four credits of English _____
2. Three credits of Science _____
3. Three credits of Social Studies _____
4. Four credits of Math _____
5. Math in the senior year _____
6. Two credits of world language _____
7. One credit of PE & Health _____
8. One credit of VPAA _____
9. One online learning experience _____