

Must a PASS Contact Person be a certificated teacher or be supervised by a certificated teacher?

Rigorous, high quality lesson plans and instructional activities have been developed by a team of experts and certificated personnel, and all PASS curriculum has been reviewed by and accredited through the Sunnyside School District.

Assuming that the primary function of the PASS Contact Person is that of a mentor, advocate, and motivator, and that instruction is primarily obtained through the course materials, the position of PASS Contact Person can be filled effectively by a classified employee.

It is understood that the classified employee is part of a larger educational team. The student's academic counselor should identify the student's credit deficiency and select a PASS course. The classified employee's supervisor may guide and direct instructional activities. In a formal classroom setting, the classified staff member serving as a PASS Contact Person or tutor should be supervised by a certificated teacher. This cost effective approach allows high school students to work semi-independently in a single classroom setting while studying and earning credit in many and varying academic subjects.

I want to improve the graduation rate of migrant students in my district. What is the most effective way to set up my program utilizing the PASS courses?

- ✓ A structured day or after-school classroom setting in which the student may work efficiently on PASS two or more hours each week.
- ✓ Access to a content expert whose role is to assist PASS students in mastering challenging academic concepts.
- ✓ A PASS Contact Person whose role is to work with a student's counselor to identify a deficiency and select a PASS course, enroll the student in PASS, obtain and manage course materials, encourage and motivate students, submit tests to SEMY for scoring, and maintain student records.

The PASS curriculum rivals that of online materials, is closely aligned with the EALRs and WASL standards, and provides ***flexibility unmatched by other programs***. Please see the success strategies database at www.semy.org for additional tips to help your students succeed through PASS!