

BREAKING NEWS
POLICY OF SHIPMENT OF PASS COURSES TO NON MIGRANT STUDENTS

July 7, 2006

Two important updates follow:

- 1) Shipment of PASS courses may resume for non-migrant students effective immediately. Courses will also be available next school year 2006-07.

Although it is highly recommended that courses are completed in the term in which the student is enrolled, courses for non-migrant students started late this summer no longer have to be completed by August 31, 2006.

Watch for new program guidance and course cost effective school year 2006-07 to be released in late August.

We want to make sure our address book is up to date. To participate in PASS in 2006-07, please make sure that you are an authorized, active PASS Contact Person which means that the PASS Program has a Form A on file, and that you have processed a PASS enrollment or test in the past 365 days. We will maintain all active Contact Persons' addresses, and communicate new Program offerings through email and formal correspondence. Also look for Breaking News at www.semy.org.

- 2) The PASS Program will again offer introductory/foundational courses: Transitional English, You and the News and General Math A and B.

Please disseminate this information to all district personnel or agency staff currently serving non-migrant students through PASS coursework.

If you have any questions, please email or contact me at (888) 727-7123.

The PASS HELP Desk staff are standing by to serve you. Thank you for your patience.

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Question: I work with the 'x' School District Special Education Department. We do have students that are not migrant that are currently enrolled in PASS, however we pay for the courses, they are not utilizing migrant funds. Since we are paying for our students to participate will they still be allowed to access PASS if they are not migrant students?

Answer: Thank you for your inquiry. No, your students will not be able to participate in PASS at the current time. SEMY may not ship courses to non-migrant students nor can we receive

payment. Perhaps this policy may change if OSPI or another source can identify an accounting mechanism in order to continue shipments to your students.

Question: Does this new policy affect the 'continuation of service' migrant students?

Answer: No. Migrant students eligible for PASS under the 'continuation of services' provision may continue to receive courses and be served by PASS.

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UPDATE ENTERED BY Linda Roberts: Many questions from the field have resulted in the following clarification to the 6/14 email below:

Effective 6/14/06, no PASS courses are available to non-migrant students—this means no enrollments will be processed as of the morning of 6/15/06. No PASS transcripts or grade reports will be available to non migrant students after August 31, 2006. All active non-migrant students must complete their courses by 8/31/06. All outstanding funds must be paid by the close of this fiscal year (8/31/06).

PASS courses, after 8/31/2006, will be for migrant students only and will be offered with restrictive criteria. The list of courses available in 2006-07 to the migrant student is updated at this SEMY website.

Many field staff have expressed concern. Your concerns regarding this new policy should be directed to OSPI in writing (see below).

Thank you for sharing how valuable the PASS curriculum has become to you.

I also appreciate hearing about how PASS can continue to meet the needs of our migrant youth.
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June 14, 2006

NEW DIRECTIVE FROM OSPI REGARDING SHIPMENT OF COURSES TO NON-MIGRANT STUDENTS

EMAILED TO: Federal Projects Directors in Districts Implementing Migrant Education Programs and All Active PASS Contact Persons:

NON-MIGRANT SERVICES: As directed through the state office for Migrant Education at OSPI, Migrant Education funds may not be used to provide services to non-migrant students. Effective immediately, the Office of Secondary Education for Migrant Youth (SEMY) will no longer be allowed to enroll non-migrant students in the PASS program or provide PASS material to non-migrant students through the use of Migrant funds.

Non-migrant students currently enrolled in PASS must complete all materials by no later than August 31, 2006 in order that such appropriate testing, grade reporting and transcript be completed and disseminated.

Please disseminate this information to all district personnel or agency staff currently servicing non-migrant students through PASS coursework.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Dr. Alfonso Anaya, Director of Migrant/Bilingual Education Programs, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia WA 98504-7200.

Note: The above message was written by OSPI staff for SEMY distribution to the field.

MESSAGE FROM SEMY:

On behalf of SEMY and the PASS staff, we wish to thank you for serving youth at risk and for utilizing the PASS Program to help students graduate. We have enjoyed our working relation with you, and we look forward to serving you through August 31, 2006. Linda Roberts

MIGRANT SERVICES: Many of you will ask about services to migrant students. Service to the migrant student continues this summer and next year. Effective 8/23/06, PASS courses will be available under much more restrictive entrance criteria.

Our Migrant Program and SEMY goal is to support schools in helping migrant students achieve a passing score on the WASL and graduate from high school. To achieve this, the PASS Program will set standards of a 70% completion rate by building and 70% average grade by migrant student.

Staff will work through the summer to program our database and take appropriate steps to support you in accomplishing these PASS goals. For more information this summer as to progress and changes to PASS, check out 'Breaking News' at www.semy.org

If you have any questions about SEMY's service for migrant students, call, email or write to me.

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