

**Fall 2003**

**Washington State Migrant Education**



# PASS PROGRAM

## BREAKING NEWS



### **A Cost Effective Credit Retrieval Alternative**

Pressure is mounting to graduate all students—graduation can be a challenge for students with credit deficiencies. The new semi-independent PASS courses, endorsed by OSPI, are aligned with standards and meet tenth grade WASL benchmarks. The success rate of PASS students is increasing the opportunity for graduation. See related article on back “Migrant Education—Harvest of Hope.”

PASS can be completed at home, in study hall, at the library, in a classroom or after school setting. Students work independently as their schedules permit, *and* with a mentor for a minimum of two hours per week. Either partial or full semester credit is issued through the Sunnyside School District depending on the needs of the student. Flexibility is our middle name. *“If it weren’t for the PASS Program, I could not have made up credits and graduated with my friends,”* say former students.

Take a look at the curriculum, and you will see top quality! At \$155 or less for non-migrant students, the PASS curriculum, available in Spanish and English, is a bargain worth your investment. See back “Science Curriculum-An Unbeatable Value!”

### **Exciting New Courses Released; New Programs**

Good news: U.S. History B in Spanish is now ready for release! Coming later this winter will be Algebra IIB and Ensuring Success Through the 4 P’s-Plan, Pathway, Portfolio and Project (see current newsletter for description-available online at [www.semy.org](http://www.semy.org)). Pending OSPI funds, we are continuing to translate science and social studies courses into Spanish. Translation into Russian and Somalian is also underway. New programs utilizing PASS include tutoring, immigrant/refugee, ELL programs and 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants.

### **Student Was in Summer PASS and is Now in Regular School**

Do you now serve students who participated, somewhere in the state, in a summer PASS Program? Support may be needed to assist your students to complete their summer PASS course(s) (see attached list sent to active Contact Persons only). Use PASS Student Re-Enrollment, Relocation or Drop Form C to notify PASS of the student’s departure from a summerschool district and/or enrollment in a newschool.

### **New Course List Requires Use of Updated Enrollment Form**

The list of courses offered in PASS has been updated to reflect currently available curriculum. PASS courses in which the Contact Person may enroll students are listed on the updated PASS Enrollment Form B-2. The print date of this updated form is “Rev. 7/03”; Contact Persons using the official version of this form can readily tell the difference between old and new course lists—the new form is printed with green ink (instead of brown). Obtain forms from the PASS office or through [www.semy.org](http://www.semy.org).

## Migrant Education – Harvest of Hope

2002-03 Figures  
Released:

Course shipments for  
migrant students  
have increased by  
8%

Number of migrant  
students served has  
risen by 9%

Number of courses  
completed has  
increased by 13%

Number of credits  
issued to migrant  
students last school  
year: 379.2

## Plan to PASS With Flying Colors

### ✓ **Science Curriculum – An Unbeatable Value!**

Integrated Earth and Space, Life,  
Chemistry and Physics courses come to  
you *ready to go* with laboratory  
materials, mentor kits, and a list of  
household items needed.

Notwithstanding the prices below, *each  
science course is still only \$155.*

Average cost of each science course:  
\$170, which includes, in part:

Texts: \$46

Supplemental materials (lab  
supplies for student): \$26

Teacher manuals: \$25

Mentor kits: Varies widely-\$10-\$50

The new science courses are very  
rigorous, helping students succeed in  
WASL!

### ✓ **Partial Course Helps Students Enroll In Only What They Need**

Educators have the option of ordering  
just the portion of the PASS course  
needed for credit retrieval. Semester  
curriculum includes five units each.  
Each .1 credit-unit can be ordered  
separately at \$40 for the non-migrant  
student.



*The PASS Program is a bonafide  
educational program endorsed by the  
Office of Superintendent of Public  
Instruction, administered through the  
Sunnyside School District  
Office of Secondary Education for  
Migrant Youth (SEMY). Credit earned  
through PASS is certified by the  
Northwest Association of Schools and of  
Colleges and Universities, Boise, Idaho.*

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