



Spring 2004
Washington State Migrant Education

PASS PROGRAM

BREAKING NEWS

Graduating Seniors – Deadline for Spring Credit

To guarantee credit prior to Spring graduation, senior students must be enrolled in courses by April 15; English course essays (units 3 and 5) must be submitted for scoring by May 15. Tests are scored at PASS within 24 hours of receipt. To allow for U.S. Postal mail, all tests (with exception of English essays) must be mailed (not faxed) to SEMY for scoring within five to seven working days of the date the Spring transcript is needed. PASS staff will provide, upon request, faxed or verbal scores. Test scores are also available online at www.semy.org immediately upon scoring.

4 Ps Course Available – Other Exciting New Courses Coming

Our new course: 4 Ps: Plan, Pathway, Portfolio, Project will be ready for summer term release. This semester (.5) credit, elective course is perfect for the:

- 9th – 12th grade student who wishes to create a portfolio, plan his/her high school career, explore careers, conduct community service, and build a resume (units 1 and 2).
- 10th – 12th grade potential college-bound student who wishes to explore colleges, and scholarships, work with mentors and write essays to be used in applications (units 3 and 4).
- Senior student (or any highly mobile 9th – 11th grade student) who needs to complete a culminating project and will not be able to do so in the regular high school schedule (unit 5).

More details are included in the PASS Course Descriptions Manual available at www.semy.org. The course is available in English and includes a compact disk of resource materials and reference guides.

Other courses to be released next school year are: Integrated Earth Science in Spanish, Economics, and Algebra IIB.

Student Is in Spring PASS and Will Attend Summer School

Migrant Program funding for PASS summer programs is driven, in part, by the number of PASS units successfully completed during the previous summer. A successful strategy for increasing your summer completion rate is to begin the students in the spring, motivating them to experience success prior to summer. Communicate openly with the students and spring Contact Person prior to summer enrollment. Set up the summer schedule to accommodate the student's need and monitor summer progress according to PASS guidelines. More information about summer is available from SEMY Program Facilitators or your nearby Migrant Education Regional Office (MERO).

Migrant Education – Harvest of Hope



ONLINE PASS DATABASE ENHANCEMENTS

Online Reports Soon To Be Available to the PASS Contact Person/Administrator:

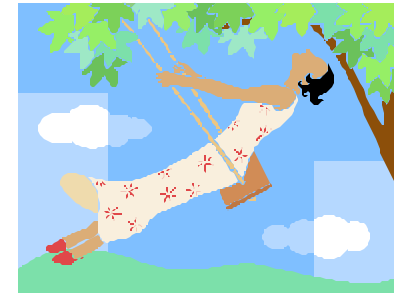
- Online scores/grade reports
- New Goals Report Card by district/agency, state, MERO and Contact Person which displays units completed
- Detailed Activity Report by district/agency, Contact Person

Proposed for 2004-06:

- Online testing
- Online migrant student enrollment
- Online submission of select electronic forms
- MSIS secondary student record displaying PASS Detailed Activity Report
- Display and use of state identification numbers for all PASS students

Plan to PASS With Flying Colors

- ✓ **NOTE! NEW GREEN SCANTRONS SHIPPED** Effective immediately, the green scantron form is the only printed scantron form which may be submitted to PASS for scoring of ANY test for ANY student (previously enrolled, currently enrolled or new student). DISCARD ALL RED AND BLUE SCANTRON FORMS. Make sure the student i.d. section and course information is completed on the green Scantron form. See Scantron form instructions for details. **THINK GREEN!**
- ✓ **GO ONLINE!** Call the HELP desk at (888) 727-7123 to learn how to sign up for a PASS database password.
- ✓ **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!** Contact Persons are helping migrant students earn over 350 credits a year! THANK YOU!
- ✓ **RECYCLE UNUSED PASS MATERIALS** Help save Program dollars by recycling unused PASS materials, creating a local PASS lending library, and letting us know of materials you need at the time we ship a course to you.



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 accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities, Boise, Idaho.

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