

Winter 2001

Washington State Migrant Education



PASS PROGRAM

BREAKING NEWS

Long Answers in English Tests to be Scored by PASS

Long answer student responses are required in all new courses. These writing assignments are included in the student workbooks. In addition, for new English course tests, long answers in units 3 and 5 will be scored by PASS and incorporated as part of the final unit grade. For students requiring English credit, PASS Contact Persons are encouraged to enroll early in the year and to allow a 48-hour turnaround time for test results which require essay scoring.

All new course content is aligned with Washington State EALRs, and activities better prepare students for the WASL. New English and Washington State History courses were shipped as of October 1, 2001. Questions? Call the PASS HELP Desk at (888) 727-7123.

First Series of Regional Videoconferences a Hit!

To save time and dollars, PASS training staff opted to provide veteran PASS Contact Person training via a relatively “new” medium—videoconferencing. The evaluations, overall, were very positive. We wish to thank those of you who were patient with the use of the technology. Your support of this training helped to ensure that service to students remains top priority.

Status of New Course Development

The PASS Program staff are pleased to share progress on new course development. Coming next year will be courses in the following areas:

English II	Integrated Physics
U.S. History	Integrated Earth and Space Science
Algebra I	Integrated Life Science
Algebra II	Integrated Chemistry
Geometry	Health and Fitness

Start the winter well informed. See reverse for more breaking news.

Status Report

- ✓ **NEW TRAINING!** The Office of Secondary Education for Migrant Youth (SEMY) staff has designed training workshops for educators of secondary school-aged migrant students. The Washington State Migrant Education Counselor Guide and the Leaders-in-Service Replication Guides are made available to training participants; innovative strategies are addressed. If you would like more information, call Carol Hansen Devine or Patricia Eastwood at 1-888-727-7123.
- ✓ **HELPFUL!** To save paperwork, the COE is no longer required when processing an enrollment. You do need to provide an MSRS number and Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD) for migrant students.
- ✓ **OPPORTUNITY!** The SEMY website at <http://www.semy.org> includes migrant role models, secondary innovative educational strategies, and (coming in 2002) an on-line database for access to current information about your PASS student's progress. Read about others' successes, and share your own!

Plan to PASS With Flying Colors

CREDIT VALIDATION

- ✓ PASS Contact Persons must allow a **minimum of 35 days** to complete a PASS course. Please establish realistic enrollment deadlines when enrolling final semester high school seniors. *For full courses, Contact Persons will be asked to justify the reason for submitting tests for units 5 or 10 prior to 35 days. Exceptions to allow the scoring of these tests will be extremely limited.*
- ✓ PASS Contact Persons are now asked to certify on the scantron form for new courses that they have received and reviewed the completed **student workbook**, and will destroy it upon the student's successful completion of the course. A signature is required. *Scoring will be delayed and tests will be returned if submitted without the signature.*
- ✓ The PASS Office will score tests when multiple unit tests are submitted at the same time for same student/course only after calling the Contact Person. *Justification for submitting all units at one time will be requested; exceptions to allow the scoring of all tests at one time will be extremely limited.*

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