



PASS PROGRAM

BREAKING NEWS

Integrated Science Courses Require New Scoring Protocol

“The new science courses are terrific! Authors have included state-of-the-art strategies based on current research about how students learn.” Quote from a director evaluating a PASS integrated science course.



NEW PASS SCIENCE COURSE GRADING - Students share in the grading responsibility of their workbooks, and they have the option of re-doing their work and using their workbooks during the unit tests. The PASS mentor (assigned Contact Person, teacher, tutor, etc.) must: spot check the scores, grade the laboratory work, negotiate the workbook grade with the student and assign/document the final workbook grade. Adult mentors have the option of disputing the student-assigned grades and asking the student to re-work his/her assignments. Complete grading instructions are included in both the student workbook and the mentor manual of each science course.

The workbook grade **MUST BE ‘bubbled in’ on the Scantron form** in the Local Scoring Results, Laboratory Section by the authorized PASS Contact Person. Unit tests received at PASS will be scored **only** if the laboratory score AND the Contact Person signature are included on the Scantron form. The final workbook grade is 40% of the unit grade. Workbooks are to be kept on file until the course has been completed and should be shredded or properly disposed of after the transcript has been issued.

Status of New Course Development – as of March 2003

The national and state PASS Program staff and its corps of authors have completely revamped PASS curriculum for many of the most popular courses. New courses are formatted for ease of use, aligned with the EALRs, and prepare students for the WASL. A complete description of each course can be found at www.semy.org through the Course Content link. New courses have been or will soon be (*) released as follows (see back for courses yet to come):

English I, II, III and IV - A and B
Integrated Physics, Integrated Chemistry
Integrated Earth and Space Science
Integrated Life Science

Algebra I A and *B
Algebra I B – Spanish
*Algebra II A

Health and Fitness –Spanish and English
U.S. History A and *B
U.S. History A – Spanish
Washington State History – bilingual

Tools & Products

✓ **YET TO COME!** Staff are diligently working to produce additional PASS courses to be released in 2003-04. These future courses are planned: **Spanish version of: Algebra I A, U.S. History B, Integrated Life Science;** English version of Algebra II B, Creative Writing, Contemporary World Problems, World History, American Government, Economics, and Art. The Geometry and Geography courses are pending finalization by the National PASS Center in New York. No timeline has been established for release of these courses.

✓ **TRAINING!** The Office of Secondary Education for Migrant Youth (SEMY) staff offers *credit accrual workshops*, including an overview of the education system and granting credit for work in Mexico and the granting of partial credit. Counselors share their innovative strategies with peers. For more information, call SEMY at 1-888-727-7123.

✓ **HELPFUL!** Distributed three times a year, the PASS Goals Report Card and the Detailed Activity Report were mailed to each current PASS Contact Person in January. If the report would be useful to *you at times other than September, January and June*, call Heather at PASS.

Plan to PASS With Flying Colors

✓ **READ ABOUT OTHERS' SUCCESSES, AND SHARE YOUR OWN:** We are asking you to *share your ideas and innovative strategies with others on the SEMY website* (www.semy.org). Even the smallest detail that helps to save time or supports the student in a caring and effective way may be shared. While training educators throughout the state, SEMY Program Facilitators Pat, David and Carol are also happy to learn from you and pass your tips on to others.

✓ **SCORING REMINDERS:** PASS Contact Persons are now asked to certify on the scantron form 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.

✓ **ENROLLMENT REMINDER:** Only the first three units of a course are initially mailed to schools enrolling migrant students. Once a migrant student completes unit 2, submit an enrollment form or call PASS to request the remaining curriculum for units 4 and 5.

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