

# Shared Time Instruction



## Nonpublic and Home Schooled Pupils



# Definition of Shared Time

- Nonpublic or home schooled pupil.
- Part-time at public school.
- Nonessential elective courses that are offered to public school pupils.



# References – Statutory and Other

- State School Aid Act
- Revised School Code
- Administrative Rules
- Nonpublic School Act
- Court Cases
- Pupil Accounting Manual



# Requirements for Membership

1. Eligibility §6(4) or §6(6) of State School Aid Act
2. Enrolled and attending on count day §6(8) and §6a of State School Aid Act
3. Nonpublic school is registered with MDE
4. Course appears on the class schedule
5. The course is not an extracurricular activity
6. Instruction is provided by certified teacher



## Requirements for Membership *[cont.]*

7. Offered and available to full-time pupils during regular school day at public school site
8. Nonessential elective course
9. No more than .75 FTE
10. Course length and grading system
11. Daily attendance records
12. Educational site



# 2016-17 Shared Time Workgroup

- FY 17 – §166b(5) required that the Department establish a workgroup to “...examine the issue of providing a uniform definition of nonessential elective courses, and to provide a uniform definition of a part-time pupil for the purpose of this section.”



# 2016-17 Shared Time Workgroup

- The Department produced a report of the findings (<https://goo.gl/Vxs4nu>).
- FY18 – A legislative amendment added a definition for Nonessential Elective Courses that mostly reflected the product of the group.



# Nonessential Electives

Courses other than:

- All Grades: Remedial courses
- Grades 1-8: Mathematics, science, social studies, or ELA; courses required by the district for grade progression.
- Grades 9-12: Algebra 1 or 2, English, geometry, biology, chemistry, physics, economics, geography, American history, world history, the Constitution, government, and civics or courses that fulfill the same credit requirement.



## Nonessential Electives [cont.]

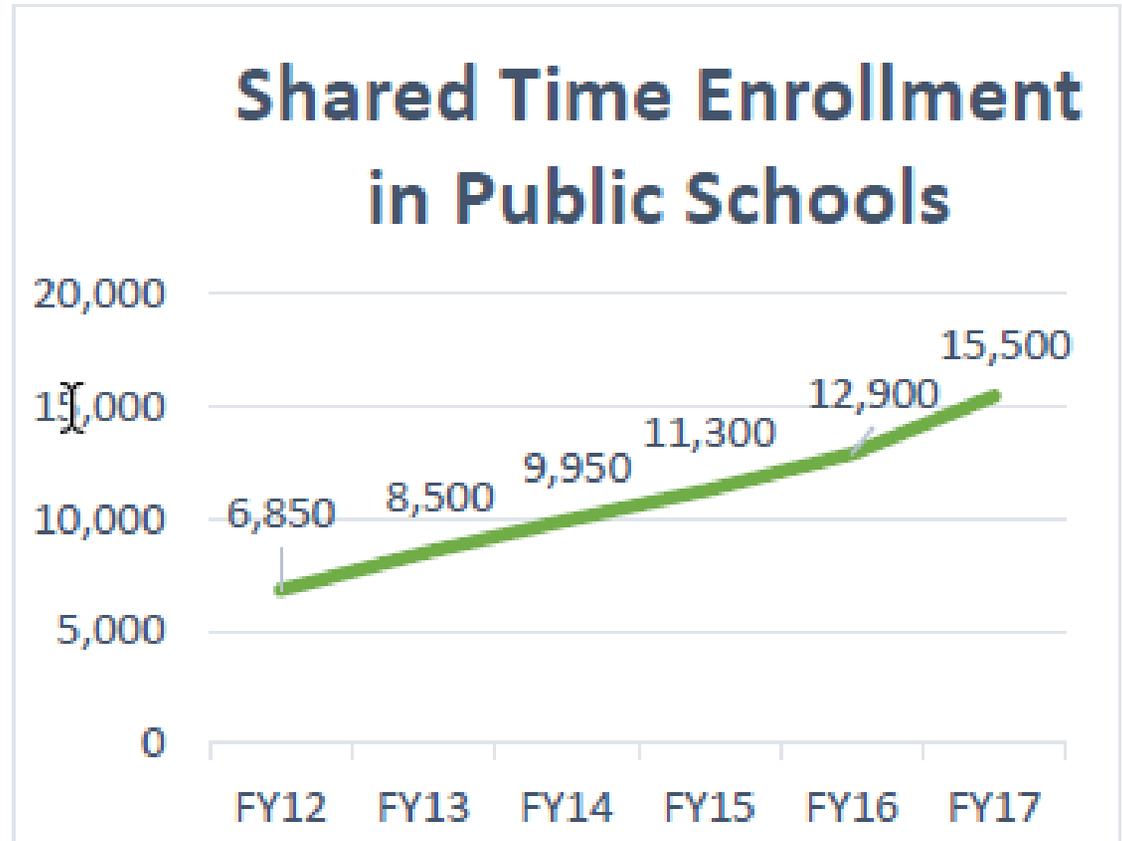
Nonessential electives include:

- . Courses offered by the district for high school credit that are capable of generating postsecondary credit, such as AP and IB.
- . College level courses taken for college credit.



# Enrollment Growth

- 2011-12: 6,850 FTE
- 2016-17: 15,500 FTE
- 225% increase in 5 years





# Largest Home School Providers

- Oxford Community Schools
- Madison District Public Schools
- Berrien Springs Public Schools
- Gull Lake Community Schools
- Niles Community Schools
- Hamilton Community Schools
- Center Line Public Schools
- Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium & Keweenaw



# Largest Nonpublic Providers

- Brighton Area Schools
- Berkley School District
- Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Clarkston Community School District
- Redford Union Schools
- Carrollton Public Schools
- Madison Academy



# Audit and Appeals Process

- Pupil membership audit is a requirement of the State School Aid Act
- Risk assessment and sample selection
- Quality Control Review (QCR) by MDE
- Appeal process



# Questionable Practices

- Courses not available to all pupils (Shared Time Workgroup)
- Private lessons
- Extracurricular programs (<https://goo.gl/PzTcUf>)
- Out of state programs
- Online programs with ELOs
- Courses that originate outside of the district
- Programs directed by the home school group
- Courses not offered at the local school
- Courses designed by an unendorsed third party
- Segregation of shared time pupils



# Why the Increase in Adjustments?

- Complaints/requests to investigate
- Pop III audit category
- Increase in number of shared time pupils
- Financial considerations
- Marketing shift



## Potential next steps

- Increased clarification
- Provide additional training
- MDE hosted summit
- Continue participation in internal and external meetings with partners