

PROJECT PASS ❖ PORTABLE ASSISTED STUDY SEQUENCE

Why use PASS?

- ✓ Make up failed courses
- ✓ Subject area remediation
- ✓ School does not offer course when needed
- ✓ Partial credit for course completion
- ✓ Elective credit
- ✓ Dropout recovery
- ✓ GED preparation
- ✓ Cost effective
- ✓ Meets individual needs

When is PASS appropriate?

- ✓ Highly motivated student
- ✓ Ability to work semi-independently
- ✓ Sufficient time available
- ✓ Adequate language skills

School responsibilities

- ✓ Local oversight
- ✓ Financial resources
- ✓ Mentor availability
- ✓ Credit granting/acceptance procedures in place

How does it work?

In utilizing PASS courses, a student works **semi-independently** with the assistance of a **mentor/instructor** who meets with the student on a regular basis. The curriculum consists of learner-centered materials developed specifically for PASS, which include current teaching techniques to assist the learner. Students can complete courses **at their own pace**.



Each semester course consists of five study units complete with unit tests; a student needing only partial credit for a semester course or seeking a way to gain specific skills can complete **only the units necessary** instead of an entire course. If a student successfully completes an entire semester packet, he or she is eligible for 1/2 high school credit. Each PASS semester course includes **all necessary materials** for course completion. With the assistance of student advocates and school administrators, a student can begin a course in one location and complete it in another.



Migrant students and PASS

PASS is **ideal for migrant students** on the road or at home. The materials are **portable**, designed for semi-independent use, and created with migrant students in mind:

- ✓ Readability: 1-2 grade levels below instructional level of the course
- ✓ Consideration given to needs of non-native speakers
- ✓ Positive examples of migrant lifestyle in content and choice of literature/text
- ✓ School-to-work references incorporated within material
- ✓ Gender/religious/ethnic/political biases avoided

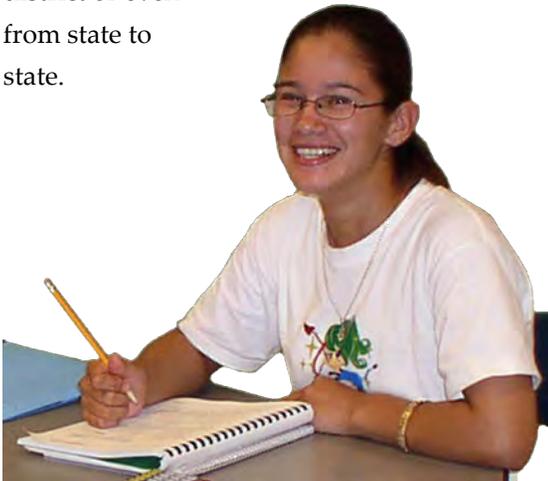
“PASS came into my life at a time when I really needed it. My career goals begin with completing high school and, without PASS, I am not sure this would happen. PASS is more than just a class. The way the packets are written makes the content easy to understand. This is what gave me the inspiration to complete my first math class ever in high school. It is a really good program and I am so glad it was made available to me.”

Benancio Galvan
2004 PASS Student of the Year

What is PASS?

The Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS) program offers **high school students** a chance to earn credit for missed or incomplete courses, helping them stay on track for **graduation**. Learning packages are available for most **required** subjects and a variety of **elective** courses. Some courses are offered in both **English and Spanish**, and some are available for grades 6-8 (Middle School PASS) to **ease the transition** to high school.

PASS courses offer great **flexibility**, allowing the student to progress through five activity books and accompanying tests at his or her **own pace**. Because of this structure, students are able to continue course work **as they move** from district to district or even from state to state.



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