

# NATIONAL PASS CENTER FACT SHEET



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### **MISSION**

To coordinate PASS activities, continuing the PASS vision of providing migrant youth with viable credit accrual options based on a learner-centered process with flexible, portable, readable and credible materials.

### **WHAT IS PASS?**

One of the educational challenges for secondary migrant students is credit accrual. The National PASS Program provides a successful option to migrant programs seeking flexibility for their students. PASS provides student choice, is flexible to meet differentiated student needs, and is portable. Courses are developed to help students earn credits and graduate with academic diplomas from their high schools. Flexibility in administering PASS enhances instructional opportunities for students in a variety of settings. The program is provided by The National PASS Coordinating Committee comprised of migrant educators across the country and is used in more than 25 states.

### **WHY USE PASS?**

Many schools use PASS because courses may not be offered when a student needs them. Courses may be used to make up failed credits, to remediate in basic subjects, to assist with dropout recovery, or to offer elective credit. Students do not need to access a computer or the Internet to complete a course, but there are options for students who choose to do so. Students can work on PASS courses during the school year or summer. Courses are aligned with state and common core standards.



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## **COURSES AVAILABLE**

*\*Denotes 2-semester course*

English 1-1V\*  
Creative Writing  
Geometry\*  
U.S. History\*  
World History\*  
Biology\*  
Study Skills

Learning English Through Literature  
Algebra I\* (English & Spanish)  
Math 6-8\*  
U.S. Government  
World Geography  
Environmental Science\*  
Your Health (English & Spanish)

Language Arts 6-8\*  
Algebra II\*  
Personal Finance (English & Spanish)  
History of the U.S.\* (Middle School)  
Economics  
Career Connections (English & Spanish)

- *Numerous unit options and life skills offerings.*
- *Online course options expanding.*

## **SUPPORT MATERIALS AND SERVICES**

[www.npcpass.org](http://www.npcpass.org)

State Contact List  
PASS Student Scholarships

Program Implementation Guide  
Consultant Services and Training

PASSport to Success student/parent/mentor contract  
Collaboration with Migrant Education Grant Consortia

## **SUCCESS STORIES**

*I would not have accomplished what I have without the PASS program. It is very helpful and I encourage more students to participate.*

~ José Paz Pruneda, Minnesota/North Dakota/Mexico, 2016

*Due to the remarkable help of the summer PASS program in Manvel, North Dakota, I have earned more credits than most of my fellow classmates. A great example would be when I finished Algebra II as a sophomore and took pre-calculus my junior year. This is just one instance in which PASS has aided me with credits whether it's on my own time or when I manage to go to school after work. I'm extremely thankful for the PASS program for giving me the opportunity to finish my high school education.*

~ Jocelyn Martinez, Rio Grande City, Texas/Warren, Minnesota/Manvel, North Dakota, 2016

*The PASS program has helped me tremendously. I feel very fortunate to be a migrant student. I fell so far behind in school from the times I dropped out to work, but thanks to the PASS packets I completed, I had the opportunity to catch up with my credits.*

~ Melissa Arvizu, San Luis, Arizona/Mexico, 2016

*I took PASS classes because I wanted to get certain classes done. Economics and U.S. Government were required in Texas for graduation. Rather than sit in a large classroom, I thought it might be better to take these classes one by one as my only summer classes. I definitely want to graduate from high school and go on to more formal schooling. Having these credits is very important to me. I would recommend PASS summer classes for anyone.*

~ Ninfa Aza Weslaco, Texas/Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, 2016