

# WHAT IS PASS?

**P**ASS (Portable Assisted Study Sequence) is a nationally recognized program offering mobile middle and high school students, and other deserving populations, an alternative means of earning full or partial academic course credits or building educational skills.

## PASS RATIONALE

**W**ith PASS, a student works semi-independently with the assistance of a mentor/instructor who meets or is in contact with the student on a regular basis. The curriculum consists of learner-centered materials developed specifically for PASS which include current teaching strategies to address a variety of learning styles. While designed to meet rigorous learning standards, consideration is given to the needs of non-native English speakers. The flexibility and adaptability allow for a variety of delivery models where students can undertake courses at their own pace in any type of setting.

## PASS DESIGN

**E**ach semester packet consists of five study units complete with unit tests; a student needing only partial credit for a semester course, or who is seeking a way to strengthen specific skills, can complete only the units necessary instead of the entire course. Each unit equals approximately twelve to eighteen hours of instruction. If a student successfully completes an entire semester packet, he/she is eligible for ½ Carnegie credit or state equivalent. Some PASS courses require supplemental materials, such as a play and a novel for the standard Language Arts courses, or a calculator, compass or protractor for some math courses. Every effort has been made to keep these additional pieces to a minimum. Specific lists of materials required are included in the Mentor Manual and at the beginning of each lesson. With the cooperation of school counselors and administrators, a student can begin a course in one location and complete it in another.