



EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE

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What is Early Middle College

Early Middle College (EMC)

The Early Middle College Program is designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, the Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certification, or up to sixty transferable college credits at the same time.

Early Middle College Programs can begin as early as 9th or 10th grade. Students attend for five years and follow a specific, five-year program of instruction.

An "Early Middle College Program" is a five-year high school program designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma and substantial college credit through an additional fifth year of study. A formal agreement with each postsecondary partner is required for both the EMC High School and Program Models.



Why Early Middle College?

1. Accessibility for a Wide Range of Students

Early college courses are ideal for any type of student, as they allow the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, a technical certificate or up to 60 transferable college credits at the same time.



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2. Real World Applications

Managing college courses while still in high school requires dedication. However, with this level of responsibility comes advantages that will help shape students' character and better prepare them for the real world.

With college courses, high school students can:

- Develop a Strong Work Ethic
- Form Time Management Skills
- Improve Their Writing Skills
- Advance Their Critical Thinking
- The knowledge students gain through early college courses also helps them improve in their other classes.



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3. Personal Coaching

The Early Middle College program will provide additional support to ensure high school students thrive in their classes. This includes tutoring, counseling and guidance from a district coach and college professors who want students to succeed in both their high school and college coursework.

The support is provided in a more personal, one-on-one approach with regular student and parent check-ins.



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4. Prepare for College

Attending college is a huge change that will require some adapting, especially if the school is in a different state and out of a comfort zone. Many students struggle to get comfortable in their new environment and some even end up leaving school altogether.

With early experience in undergraduate studies, students have the advantage of a smoother transition between high school and the college of their choice. They develop a college-level mentality sooner than their peers, which can help them handle heavy workloads and balance school and a social life. This will be especially beneficial since many students have trouble adjusting to college during their first year.





COMPARABLE PROGRAMS

in Washtenaw County

Local/Michigan

- Washtenaw Technical Middle College
- Early College Alliance
- Ypsilanti STEMM Middle College
- 146 Early Middle High Schools and Programs in Michigan



HS students attending other Early Middle Colleges

- Dexter students that we are aware of:

Early College Alliance = 12

Washtenaw Technical Middle College = 29



Benefits to Dexter High School Students

Early Middle College targets students who are at a distinct disadvantage in completing high school and pursuing higher education; those who have inadequate academic and social skills; those who experience income inequality and challenges with academic persistence; and those who face an array of socioeconomic and racial disparities and barriers when seeking to complete secondary school, transition to higher education, and enter the workforce. These include:

- Academic deficiencies
- Lack of sufficient parental support and involvement
- Lack of English language fluency
- Lack of self-confidence in ability to succeed academically
- Lack of advocacy services and interventions
- Financial and social barriers.



Benefits to Dexter High School Students

- Provides high school students with academic and remedial support to ensure high school completion and successful transition to post-secondary education
- Reduces college costs by offering a dual-credit program
- Provides college access for low-income, first-generation college students
- Increases the likelihood for post-secondary completion
- Engages parents/family as active participants in their students' daily academic activities and challenges

