

Welcome To  
Bay Middle College  
In Partnership With  
Fitzharris High School



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# Project Overview

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## Vision

Bay Middle College in partnership with Fitzharris High School, Bay College and St. Francis Hospital provides...

- Innovative Teaching and Learning
- Current and Best Instructional Practices
- A Safe, Nurturing, and Challenging Learning Environment
- Enrollment in College Courses

Student mastery and accomplishments are recognized through improved self-motivation, self-discipline, and social responsibility in this ever changing and complex world of learning.

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## Motto

“Link the present to the past and  
build a brighter future”



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## Mission



To promote an educational environment that;  
Transforms lives,  
Builds communities, and  
Improves society;  
Committed to maintaining high educational  
standards designed to foster and inspire student  
success within Allied Health Careers.

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## Program Goals

- ✓ Provide students with individualized educational plans supported with the necessary resources to be successful in both high school and college with a primary focus in health related occupations.
- ✓ Minimize barriers between high school and college.
- ✓ Increase the chances for all students to successfully earn a high school diploma.
- ✓ Increase the chances for all students to experience successful entry into college.
- ✓ To provide the opportunity for all students to be successful, productive, contributing citizens.

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## Program Outcomes

- Students will develop strong work ethics and a “can do” attitude toward school.
- Students will meet the challenges presented in the college classroom.
- Students will identify the critical elements that will make a difference in their lives.

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## Student Enrollment

- Bay Middle College (BMC) is a redesign within the existing Fitzharris Alternative Education School.
- BMC presently serves a population of 55 students ninth through twelfth grade.
- Enrolled students are representation of the eight local school districts within Delta-Schoolcraft ISD.
- BMC is organized into student cohorts meeting enrollment prerequisites.

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## Bay Middle College Cohorts

- Cohorts are defined as a group of students who have or are presently enrolled in EN 111 College Success Seminar and PE144 Effective Stress Management.
- All students must successfully complete the two college courses to be eligible to enroll in future college courses.
- Specific sections of the prerequisite classes are open only to BMC students; allowing for this first experience to be flexible in adapting to the overall needs of the cohort.
- Both classes are taught on the college campus with a college instructor. Students receive both high school and college credit upon completion.

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## History

- Fall 2006 - Delta-Schoolcraft ISD was awarded the Middle College High School Health Partnership Grant.
- Fall 2007 - With new direction from the MDE planning continues.
- Winter 2008 - First cohort of students enrolled in EN 111 and PE 144 (college prerequisites to enroll in future college classes).
- Fall 2008 - Cohort 1 students enrolled in college courses according to their EDP's and Individual Curriculum Plans.
- Fall 2008 - Cohort Two students started college prerequisites.
- Fall 2008 - Established daily focus groups and seminars into high school curriculum.
- Fall 2008 - Established a common teacher planning period.
- Fall 2008 - Established a student government.
- Student Enrollment
  - Total Students enrolled Fifty-Five
  - Cohort One includes seven students enrolled in ten college courses
  - Cohort Two includes fourteen students enrolled in the BMC prerequisite courses.

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## Funding Sources

- Michigan Department of Education
  - Year One \$185,223
  - Year Two \$185,223
  - Year Three \$ 92,612
- Delta-Schoolcraft ISD
  - Year Two \$29,159
  - Year Three \$49,987
- Delta County Community Foundation
  - Year Two \$4,000
  - Year Three \$1,500
- Bay College
  - In Kind Office Space, Supplies, and Materials
  - College faculty for cohort prerequisite course

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## Design Principle One Power of the Site

- BMC High School hub is located three blocks from the Bay College main campus.
- Students utilize the local bus service for transportation to and from their scheduled college classes.



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## Power of the Site continued



➤ Students beginning their cohort classes are transported as a group to the college three afternoons per week to attend EN111 and PE 144.

➤ Students who have completed their cohort prerequisites are transported on an individual schedule to their college classes.

➤ Because the high school hub does not have means for effective science lab instruction, students are transported to the college once per week to use the laboratory facilities.

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## Power of the Site continued

In addition students:

- Attend the college orientation process
- Complete the college compass testing
- Are eligible to use the library, computer labs and cafeteria
- Are eligible to participate in campus activities, clubs and organizations
- Space dedicated to the high school hub is presently in discussion and under consideration.

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## Design Principle Two Teaching and Learning

- BMC consists of five teachers, principal, and project director/college liaison.
- All teachers are highly qualified according to Michigan qualifications.
- All teachers follow the recommended course descriptions and state benchmarks as described by the Michigan Merit Graduation requirements.
- BMC provides focus group and seminar instruction to support both high school and college academics.

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## Principle Two Teaching and Learning continued

- BMC provides individualized after school tutoring.
- Pre-tests are administered in reading and comprehension and mathematics.
- Technology is used as an integral tool to engage students in classroom learning and assessment.
- Project based learning is the encouraged method of classroom instruction.
- Odyssey learning has been instituted for credit recovery, course review, and course assessments.

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## Design Principle Three Student Assessment

The existing student assessment tools are being evaluated and redesigned through the School Improvement Process in order for all students to have opportunities to achieve academic proficiency.

In addition, attendance and discipline policies are being developed as a collaborative effort with the student government and the School Improvement Team.

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## Design Principal Four Student Support Services

- Focus Groups
  - Foster academic, social, and emotional support
  - Character Development
  - Career and Employability Skills
  - Field Trips
  - Guest Speakers
  - Engaging activities to support a positive school climate
- Student Government
  - Encourages student ownership in the development and sustainability of Bay Middle College.
- Seminar
  - Provides teacher directed support for college course expectations.
- After school tutoring.
- After school extra curricular activities.

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### Principle Five Democratic School Governance

Bay Middle College in partnership with Fitzharris High School has established the following partnerships to ensure comprehensive decision making for staff, students, and community.

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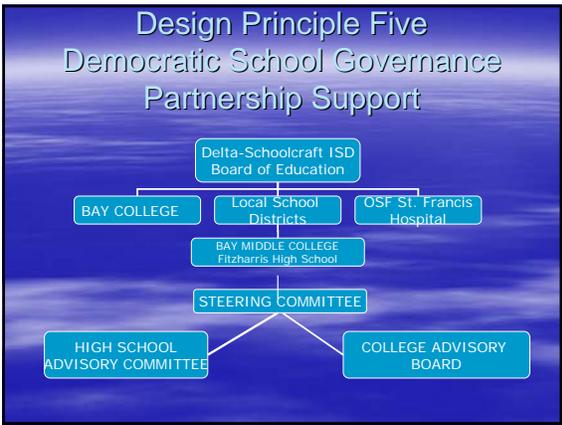
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### Delta-Schoolcraft ISD Board of Education

The Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District Board of Education is well informed and active in the oversight and development of Bay Middle College in partnership with Fitzharris High School. In addition, the district school improvement team is focused on the inclusion of best practices within the high school classrooms.

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## Bay College Board of Trustees

Bay College Board of Trustees is committed to the continued development of Bay Middle College in partnership with Fitzharris High School while supporting the use of classrooms, laboratories, and student centered programs and opportunities to ensure personal growth and educational success.

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## Bay Middle College in partnership with Fitzharris High School Steering Committee

This committee is made up of local principals, superintendents, college president, college liaison, and parents.

The role of this committee is to:

- Guide in the overall development of Bay Middle College.
- Ensure the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements are being met.
- Assist in development of school policy and acceptable educational practices.

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## Bay Middle College In Partnership With Fitzharris High School High School Advisory Committee

The High School Advisory Board has been in existence since the establishment of Fitzharris Alternative High School in 1978. This committee is committed to providing the leadership that will maintain an educational environment that serves the under served or disengaged learner.

Within the redesign into Bay Middle College this committee has supported the challenges and rewards associated with the development and implementation of the Middle/Early College concepts.

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**Bay Middle College  
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College Advisory Board**

This committee is made up of college faculty interested in shared decision making that will support Bay Middle College students as they transition into the world of college and its expectations.

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**Design Principle Six  
Professional Development**

- Mott Middle/Early College has provided our team with the opportunity to attend several on site visits and workshops, project director and Mott staff visits at our facility, and continuous correspondence on a daily and weekly basis.
- Project Director, principal, and college cohort teacher attended the Middle College National Consortium annual conference.
- All staff professional development on character development curriculum for focus group instruction.
- Early student release for staff common planning and program development.
- Continuous support in the implementation of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

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**Special Thanks  
To**

*The Michigan Department of Education  
Delta-Schoolcraft ISD  
Bay College  
OSF St. Francis Hospital  
Local Educational Agencies  
Delta County Community Foundation*

*For your continued support in the development  
of*

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