

Early Middle College Student Identification



Students should begin attending Early Middle College (EMC) programs or schools in either their 9th, 10, or 11th grade year. Students need to begin participating in an EMC by the fall semester of their 11th grade (third year) in high school.

MSDS Collections and Dates that EMC Program Participation Code (3500) can be Reported in the MSDS:

Schools can begin to report EMC program participation...

As early as 9th Grade (1st Cohort Year) & 10th Grade (2nd Cohort Year):

- Fall General Collection
- Spring General Collection
- EOY General Collection
- Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection During School Year
- Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection During Summer Appeals Window

As late as fall of 11th Grade (3rd Cohort Year):

- Fall General Collection – **The fall collection certification deadline is the last opportunity before an EMC coding appeal is required for late EMC program participation submission.**

After fall of 11th Grade (3rd Cohort Year) and before 12th Grade (4th Cohort Year):

With an EMC coding appeal approved by the MDE OCTE, the following collections can be used to correct the EMC student program participation data:

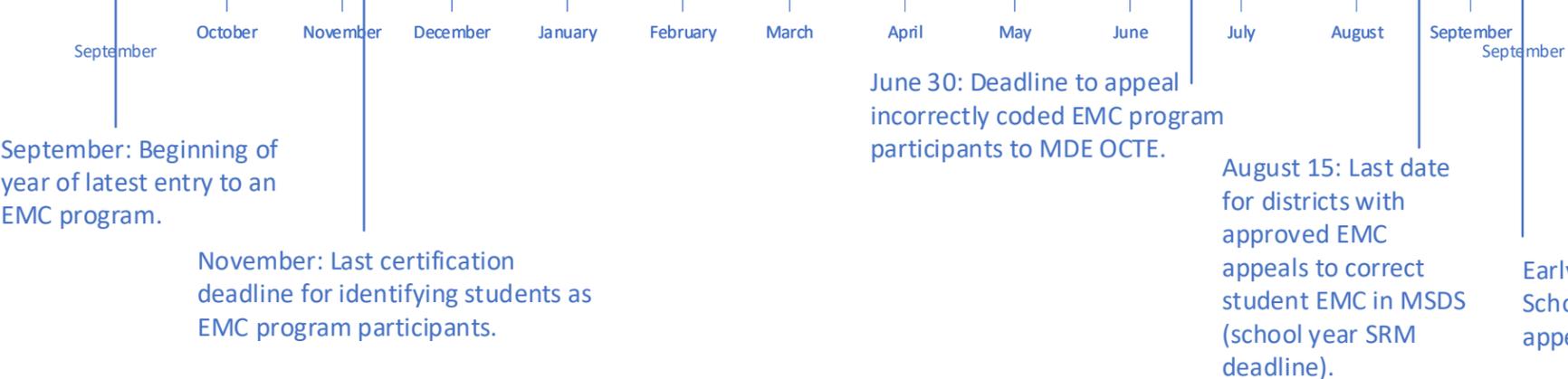
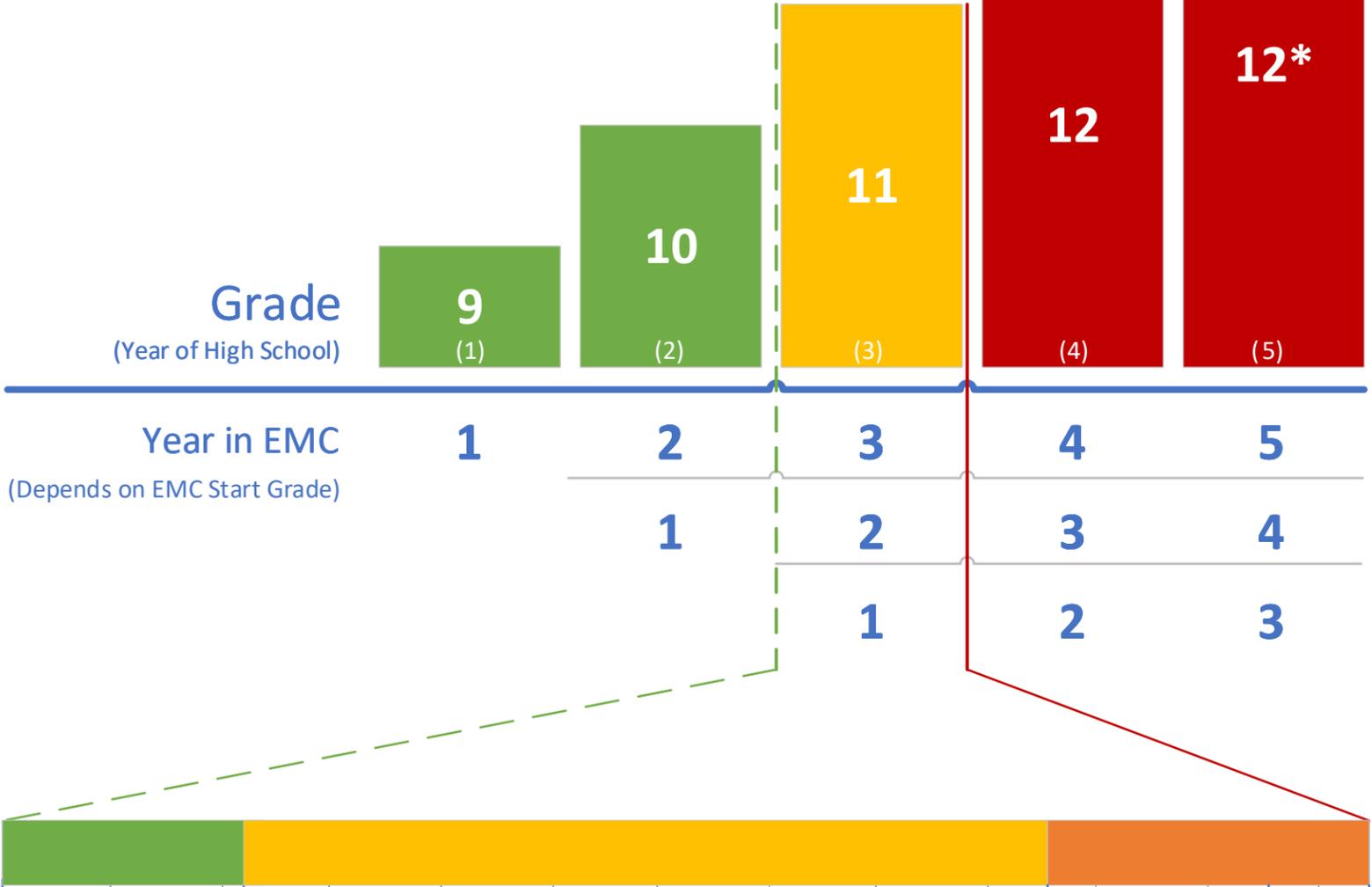
- Spring General Collection
- EOY General Collection
- Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection During School Year
- Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection During Summer Appeals Window

During 12th Grade (4th Cohort Year) & 12th Grade (5th Cohort Year):

Can only report the 3500 code if reported correctly as EMC in 3rd Cohort Year.

Resolving Students Not Correctly Reported as EMC Participants:

- Schools with students not submitted having EMC program participation codes by the Fall General Collection Certification deadline will have through June 30 to appeal to MDE OCTE to allow late submission of EMC participation throughout students' 11th grade year.
- Districts with approved appeals will be able to submit EMC participation in subsequent collections of the 11th grade year following the missed Fall General Collection Certification deadline.
- EMC coding appeals submitted to the MDE OCTE must be received by June 30 of students' 11th grade year (3rd Cohort Year)
- Districts with approved appeals must correct EMC program participation submissions using Student Record Maintenance and notify MDE OCTE of submitted corrections by August 15 following students' 11th grade year (3rd Cohort Year).
- Students can no longer be identified for EMC program participation in grade 12 or later (4th Cohort Year or later).



*Students in their last year of the EMC program should be reported as being in grade 12 for both their 4th year of high school and 5th year of high school.