



Early Middle College in Michigan

What is an Early Middle College?

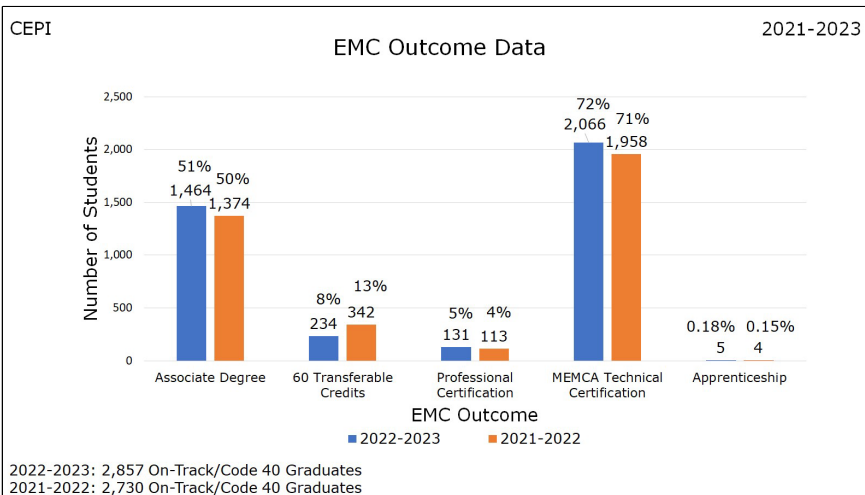
An early middle college (EMC) is a Michigan Department of Education (MDE) approved five-year program of study. The EMC is designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma and one or more of the following:

- ✓ 60 transferable college credits
- ✓ An associate degree
- ✓ A professional certification
- ✓ The Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certificate
- ✓ Participation in a registered apprenticeship

Benefits of Early Middle College

- ✓ Nationally, EMC students graduate from high school at a rate of 93%, compared to the national graduation rate of 78% for all students¹.
- ✓ Nationally, EMC students earn an average of 23 college credits upon graduating from high school, and 88% enroll in college in the immediate fall².
- ✓ EMCs provide a low-cost option for college tuition. The tuition is generally paid for by the local school district.
- ✓ EMC students earn significant college credits.

Citations: ¹ [Early and Middle Colleges Offer High School Alternative](#) ² [Middle College National Consortium](#)



2022-2023 School Year Statistics for Michigan:

128

Early Middle College Programs

39

Early Middle College Consortia Programs

17

Early Middle College High Schools

15,076

EMC Students Enrolled

82 of 83

Counties Served in Michigan

To find an EMC in your area visit [MI School Data](#)

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