



## Early Middle College in Michigan

### What is an Early Middle College?

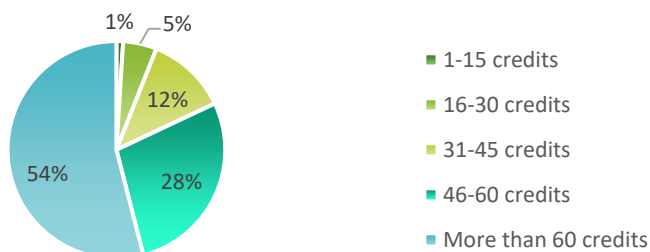
An early middle college (EMC) is a Michigan Department of Education (MDE) approved five-year program of study. The EMC is designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma and one or more of the following:

- ✓ 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 students<sup>1</sup>.
- ✓ Nationally, EMC students earn an average of 23 college credits upon graduating from high school, and 88% enroll in college in the immediate fall<sup>2</sup>.
- ✓ 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.

### Percentage of Michigan 2020 EMC Graduates by College Credits Earned



Source: NCREST 2021 Report

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

### 2020-2021 School Year Statistics for Michigan:

**117**

Early Middle College Programs

**38**

Early Middle College Consortia Programs

**18**

Early Middle College High Schools

**15,308**

EMC Students Enrolled

**80 of 83**

Counties Served in Michigan

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

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