



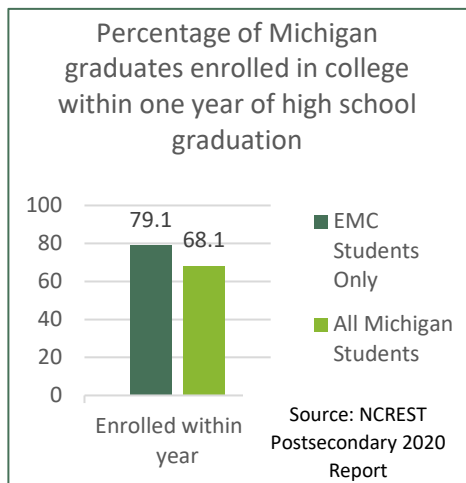
# Early Middle College and Postsecondary Partnerships

## 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, college credit, and credentials.

## What are the benefits to the postsecondary partners?

- ✓ Exposing high school students to college and earning college credits.
- ✓ College credits earned by Michigan EMC students in 2019-2020 totaled 185,536<sup>1</sup>.
- ✓ Students are more likely to enroll in college after completing their fifth year of high school.
- ✓ 82% of Michigan 2020 EMC graduates earned 46+ college credits<sup>2</sup>.



## What is the role of the postsecondary partner?

- ✓ Collaborate with EMCs to develop a strong career and college readiness curriculum.
- ✓ Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the EMC and work in partnership to assist high school students in earning college credit and credentials.
- ✓ Attend planning meetings with the high school EMCs.
- ✓ Report student information as required in state data systems.

## How do I become an EMC partner with EMCs?

Partner with schools within close proximity to the college and/or refer to the list of EMCs in [MI School Data](#) to discuss additional options for their students.

Citations <sup>1</sup> [MISchool Data](#); <sup>2</sup> NCREST 2021 Report.

## 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

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