

## What is MEMCA and the MEMCA Certificate?

The MEMCA (Michigan Early Middle College Association) Certificate provides verification among the Michigan Department of Education, the school district, and the higher education partner that the graduate has successfully completed each of the following:

- a) The State of Michigan high school graduation requirements
- b) A member school's MEMCA approved College Readiness Curriculum
- c) A minimum of 15 college credit hours (non-remedial courses)

AND one of the following options:

- 100 hours of verified community service
- A minimum of 40 hours of verified career exploration, internship, job shadowing or clinical experience
- Or a combination of the two that equals 70+ hours
- MEMCA must endorse the EMCs Career and College Readiness Curriculum before the school awards the certificate to the student.

The Michigan Department of Education therefore accepts these students as early college graduates from their approved EMC program or high school.

## Where can I get more information on earning college credit in high school?

First, contact your local high school counseling office. If you need more information, go to <http://bit.ly/FlexLearning>.

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# Early Middle College





## What is an Early Middle College?

An Early Middle College (EMC) is designed to offer students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and either an associate degree, the Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certification, or 60 transferable college credits at the same time.

These credits may be used toward a four-year degree from a Michigan public or private university, an advanced certificate, an associate degree from a Michigan junior college or community college.

## What are the benefits of Early Middle College?

- Reduces student and parent student loan debt.
- Allows the student the opportunity to earn a credential, expanding employment possibilities right out of high school.
- Prepares students for college coursework to make a smooth transition toward pursuit of additional college credits.

## What are the costs involved for Early Middle College?

Students participating in Early Middle Colleges have the opportunity to acquire college credit at no cost or reduced cost.



## How does an Early Middle College Work?

Participation in an EMC may begin as early as the 9th grade. Students must declare their intent to participate in the EMC before he/she begins grade 11.

EMC participants follow a deliberately designed course of study. Students may earn a college degree and/or a certificate by taking some college classes during 9-12 grades and then attend college full time during grade 13. Classes are taken at high school, a college campus, or in a blended format (part on-line and part classroom).

The student's Educational Development Plan (EDP) must reflect the 5th year of instruction and is signed by the student, the parent and school official. Students can walk with their class at graduation; however, their diploma will be held until the completion of their 13th year. Learn more about Early Middle Colleges <http://bit.ly/EMCollege>.