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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2020
TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent P-20 System and Student Transitions *SK*
SUBJECT: **UPDATED** Early Middle College (EMC) Requirements FAQ During COVID-19 Closure

The governor has ordered the closure of all face-to-face K-12 instruction for the remainder of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an update to the EMC required closure [MEMO#COVID-19-007 EMC Requirements During COVID-19 Closure](#).

This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) will be posted to the [OCTE website](#) under COVID-19 FAQs-CTE and EMCs in addition to the [MDE website](#) (Guidance Memos) to clarify career and technical education (CTE) EMC requirements during this unprecedented situation. This FAQ will continue to be updated as necessary. The following questions have been updated:

Document	Question(s)
MDE EMC FAQ	1, 2 3, 4, 5 & 6

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Lisa Seigel, Education Consultant at seigell@michigan.gov.

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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Office of Career and Technical Education
Early Middle College (EMC)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
COVID – 19
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1. Are Early Middle College students permitted to participate in EMC, concurrent enrollment, direct credit, or dual enrollment courses?

Yes, districts are encouraged to assist students to complete their Early Middle College course work including concurrent enrollment, direct credit, or dual enrollment courses. Please review and comply with the governor's [Executive Order 2020-35](#).

2. Are districts permitted to carry over 2018-2019 Section 61b funds?

No.

3. Are districts permitted to carry over 2019-2020 Section 61b funds?

Yes.

4. Are EMC students permitted to participate in Work Based Learning?

Reference the most current CTE FAQ document on the [MDE COVID-19 Guidance Page](#).

5. We have transitioned all our courses, both high school and college courses, to online learning experiences. Is this acceptable based on the governor's decision to close schools? Can we require our students to continue working on their course work? Students are being supported through remote advising and course work. Students are not required to come on campus.

Yes, students may continue their courses in accordance with the governor's [Executive Order EO 2020-35](#) with particular attention to Sections II.B.9, II.N, and V and local district policy.

6. Are districts required to provide equal access to alternative modes of instruction for students with disabilities?

Please review and comply with the governor's [Executive Order 2020-35](#) Section VI in determining equal access to alternative modes of instruction for students with disabilities. Please direct clarifying and additional questions to Rebecca McIntyre in the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education at mcintyre1@michigan.gov.