

Woodhaven-Brownstown School District and Wayne County Community College District Early Middle College Program (E/MC) Frequently Asked Questions

How many students will be accepted into the program?

At this time, we are not putting a limit on the number of students accepted. We want any student that wishes to take advantage of this program, and qualifies, to have the opportunity to do so.

Do I have to have a certain GPA to get into the E/MC program?

No, however students who have failed classes in middle school or high school are probably not good candidates to be successful in the program.

How does the program affect student athletes or participation in clubs?

We can not guarantee that the courses a student needs to complete their program will be offered by the college at times convenient to a sports or extracurricular activity. This is a decision that students and families will need to make based on the individual student. Some students can manage both taking college courses and participating in high school after school activities.

Is it still a 5 year program if the student starts in 10th grade?

All students in E/MC continue through the 13th year of school. The program is for one additional “13th Year” of schooling for students to complete both their high school diploma and a WCCCD program/Associate degree. Students who enter in 10th grade instead of 9th will be caught up by the 13th year of school.

Can you start the E/MC program later, say in the 11th or 12 grade?

No. In order to complete the program by the end of the 13th year, students must begin in 9th or 10th grade.

What does the senior year look like if E/MC students do not get their diploma until they finish the 13th year?

Students are still allowed to participate in all 12th grade senior activities - homecoming, prom, all-night party, graduation, etc. They will not get their official diploma until successfully completing the 13th year.

Can a student take additional college courses at night to graduate at the end of the 12th year? Can a student take a class in the summer?

No. The state will provide the district funding only equivalent to a student's full time schedule. Therefore a student in the program needs to be full-time at all times.

Is there a difference between dual enrollment and early/middle college?

Yes. Early/Middle College allows the student to earn up to 60 college credits in a formal program while still taking all options of courses at the high school.

Dual enrollment has many stipulations. Students need a qualifying assessment score as outlined by the state of Michigan to participate in dual enrollment. Students can not take courses as a dual enrollment option that are offered by the high school such as Advanced Placement. The state also limits the total number of dual enrollment courses a student can take over the high school career at ten (10).

How are advanced placement classes affected by this program?

A student could potentially benefit from taking both Advanced Placement classes as well as participating in E/MC. Students should include any potential Advanced Placement options in their plan of work to ensure that they are taking the correct courses at WHS and WCCCD.

I have my 9th grade classes all set up with my electives. How do I fit in an EMC class?

A one semester elective would be removed from a student's schedule. If this does not work for you this year, you could apply to the program as a 10th grade student.

Can the 13th year math class be taken in the 12th grade year in place of an elective?

Michigan Merit Curriculum states that a student must take one math credit in the student's final year, which in E/MC is the 13th year.

Can we take vocational classes and E/MC at the same time?

This would prove to be difficult because vocational courses take up ½ of a student's schedule. Many of the vocational programs offered by DCTC are similar to options offered by the E/MC.

How is the SAT/ACT test impacted? Do E/MC students still take the test?

All students in the state of Michigan are required to take state assessments which currently are the PSAT 8/9 in 9th grade, PSAT 10 in 10th grade, and the Michigan Merit Exam which includes the SAT assessment in grade 11.

Will the college placement test (COMPASS) affect entry into the program?

The college placement test does not affect entry into the program. The WBSD will use the application, past academic work, and teacher recommendations to determine entry into the program. The COMPASS test is for appropriate placement into leveled courses at WCCCD.

How is GPA calculated?

GPA is calculated the same way for the college courses as it is at WBSD. For example, a grade of a “B” from the program would still equate to a “B” on a transcript equivalent to 3.00 using our standard scale.

What happens if you start in 9th or 10th grade and decide the program is not a good fit?

We want students and families to be comfortable with the 5 year commitment to the program. We will provide supports for students to be successful so that they can fulfill that commitment. While we will not encourage students to quit the program, unless they are academically not able to succeed, we will respect the decision of the family to withdraw if needed.

What if a student decides that this is not the route for them mid-year through? Can they still graduate with a 4-year diploma?

A student could still graduate if they complete a 1 credit math course their senior year to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirement. They would also have to meet all other MMC and Woodhaven-Brownstown School District diploma requirements.

If there is a failure in a class, is there probation? What excludes you from the program?

If a student fails a class, the student would have to make up the failed course on their own time and at their own expense. The student could continue in the program based on WBSD and WCCCD staff’s discretion. Two failed classes could result in the removal from the program.

If a student does not complete the E/MC program, do they still get credit for the classes they did complete?

Yes, once credit is earned it will appear on the student’s transcript from WCCCD.

Will family income play a role in determining entrance into E/MC?

Family income is not a determining factor for acceptance in the program.

Where can I find the application online?

Visit mywbsd.org and select the Curriculum Department. Or from WHS website, select the Counseling Department.

