

Early/ Middle College Programs/ Schools

Wayne County

Definition:

Program: An Early/Middle College is five-year high school program designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, the MEMCA technical certification or up to 60 transferable college credits at the same time. Students must follow a specific, 5 year program of instruction. A school district interested in providing this program must submit an application and meet the same requirements necessary to become an Early/Middle College School. A formal agreement with each postsecondary partner is required.

School: Early/Middle College School means a stand-alone public high school, a school within a school, a Public School Academy (PSA) or a Shared Educational Entity (SEE) designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, the MEMCA technical certification or up to 60 transferable college credits at the same time. The schools offer a 5th year to their curriculum. An application must be approved through MDE. Because they are separate schools, they must complete all the reporting required by Michigan High Schools. Early/Middle College may elect to be Shared educational Entities for the purposes of enrolling students from constituent districts into the school. A formal agreement with each postsecondary partner is required.

(MDE, "Earning College Credit in High School, A Synopsis of Opportunities")