



## What is the Early College of Macomb?

Early College of Macomb (ECM) is a public, tuition-free, three-year early college program serving students throughout Macomb County. It represents an extraordinary partnership among the participating Macomb County school districts, the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) and Macomb Community College (MCC). Early College of Macomb students attend high school classes in their home schools, as well as on MCC's campus, and engage in an exciting college preparatory, career-focused curriculum taught by both high school and college instructors. The ability to select extensive, fully-embedded dual enrollment courses related to the student's career pathway is a defining feature of each student's educational experience. ECM provides another opportunity for Macomb County students to attend college and to acquire the tools for success in college through tutoring, mentoring and study skills instruction.

Early College of Macomb students participate in an integrated sequence of high school and college courses during grades 11-13 with no out-of-pocket cost to students and their families for books, fees and tuition. They graduate with their high school diplomas having innovative career-focused experiences in a small school environment. They may earn up to 62 college credits required for an Associate's Degree or Technical Certificate. These credits also can be transferred to a four-year college program.

Students at the Early College of Macomb select an area of study identified in their Educational Development Plans (EDPs) that is connected to the six Career Pathways. MCC offers programs in many up-and-coming/emerging careers including, but not limited to:

- *Animation* Arts and Communication Pathway
- *Business* Business, Management, Marketing and Technology Pathway
- *Mechatronics* Engineering/Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Pathway
- *Medical Assistant* Health Sciences Pathway
- *Hotel Management* Human Services Pathway
- *Renewable Energy* Natural Resources and Agriscience Pathway

The students at the Early College of Macomb share a desire for a rich educational experience that bridges the gap between K-12 and higher education. The Early College of Macomb is committed to improving post-secondary access and increasing opportunities for Macomb County students by improving the quality of education available to young people who desire a small, innovative school that focuses on accelerating learning in a close-knit, supportive career environment.

## **Who is eligible to attend the Early College of Macomb?**

Mature students who are ready to take on the new challenges involved with a unique high school experience that includes college coursework are eligible if they meet the following criteria:

1. Are registered in one of the Macomb County public high schools housed within the participating districts.
2. Will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in fall 2021.
3. Have been approved by their home high school.
4. Have satisfactorily completed the Early College admission process, which includes MCC's placement testing and online early admission application.
5. Have submitted an OpenApply online application to the ECM including: OpenApply application\*, a Principal/Counselor recommendation form, a copy of the student's current transcript, and the student's Educational Development Plan (EDP).

\* The online application for EC Macomb's 11<sup>th</sup> grade class (Class of 2023) is available online at <https://ecmacomb.openapply.com>. **(The application will be available only during the application period of January 6–February 12, 2021.)** You also may access the application from our ECM Website at [www.ECMacomb.misd.net](http://www.ECMacomb.misd.net) and, under *Prospective Students*, click on *How to Apply* and then *Online Application*. Complete the online application, upload the required documents and click submit **after** you print.

*Applications for the Early College of Macomb Grade 11(Class of 2023) will be accepted until Friday, February 12, 2021.*

**If a student is not currently enrolled in one of the Macomb County participating districts (i.e., attending a private, parochial, charter or home schooled), when should he/she register with his/her home district?**

The Early College of Macomb will consider all students residing in a Macomb County school district and registered in one of the participating public high schools. If this is not currently the case, students must register before the end of the application period.

**What does a typical 11<sup>th</sup> grade Early College of Macomb student schedule look like?**

There really isn't a typical student schedule, as schedules are highly individualized to allow for extensive college coursework in each student's chosen career pathway. As a result, it is rare that two schedules look alike. Many students opt to take coursework at non-traditional times, including evening and weekend courses. In creating their academic schedules, each student is counseled by high school counselors and college advisors/counselors on a regular basis. With that in mind, here are several sample student schedules.

**Health-focused Grade 11 sample schedule:**

<b>Hour</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Class Location</b>
<b>1</b>	English 11	English 11	High School
<b>2</b>	Algebra II	Algebra II	High School
<b>3</b>	Chemistry	Chemistry	High School
	Lunch	Lunch	HS/College
<b>4</b>	Seminar 100	Seminar 100	College
<b>5</b>	Economics	Political Science	College
<b>6</b>	Medical Terminology	Micro-Biology	College

**Mechatronics-focused Grade 11 sample schedule:**

<b>Hour</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Class Location</b>
<b>1</b>	English 11	English 11	High School
<b>2</b>	Algebra II	Algebra II	High School
<b>3</b>	Physics	Physics	High School
	Lunch	Lunch	HS/College
<b>4</b>	Seminar 100	Seminar 100	College
<b>5</b>	Economics	Political Science	College
<b>6</b>	Computer Technology	Mechatronics Systems	College

**Business-focused Grade 11 sample schedule:**

<b>Hour</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Class Location</b>
<b>1</b>	English 11	English 11	High School
<b>2</b>	Algebra II	Algebra II	High School
<b>3</b>	Chemistry	Chemistry	High School
	Lunch	Lunch	HS/College
<b>4</b>	Seminar 100	Seminar 100	College
<b>5</b>	Economics	Political Science	College
<b>6</b>	Business	Accounting	College

**How many college credits will the Early College of Macomb students earn?**

First and second year students (grades 11 and 12) will be enrolled in both high school and community college courses. Students take dual enrollment classes – courses that earn both high school and college credit – each year. As shown on the sample schedules, students could earn as many as six high school credits per year, along with a minimum of 9-12 college credits per semester (18-24 per year). This would give the students 12 high school credits and 36-48 college credits during the junior and senior years.

During the third year (grade 13), students will take only college classes along with the Seminar course, which will give them an additional 24 college credits. Therefore, the minimum number of college credits earned during grades 11-13 would be 60-72, which qualifies them for a skill certificate and an Associate's Degree.

If students so choose, these credits could then be transferred to a four-year institution, such as Oakland University, Ferris State University, Michigan State University or Wayne State University, per their already-established transfer policies with Macomb Community College.

**Do students at the Early College of Macomb still have to complete the State of Michigan Graduation Requirements?**

Yes. Early College of Macomb students are required to satisfy both the State of Michigan's and their home school districts' graduation requirements. Students will be able to take the necessary courses within their combined high school and community college schedules.

**Will the Early College of Macomb be a school of choice?**

No. To be considered, a student must be residing in a Macomb County school district and registered in one of the participating public high schools prior to attending the Early College of Macomb.

**Is transportation provided?**

No. Students may be transported by parents/guardians, arrange their own transportation or use available public transportation options. However, students with licenses and MCC student IDs will be allowed to drive to the Macomb Community College campus.

**Will extracurricular activities be available to Early College of Macomb students?**

Students wishing to participate in any extracurricular activities (i.e., athletics, clubs) will continue to do so in their home school districts, as permitted by the students' ECM schedules. Students may also be allowed to participate in some extracurricular activities at the college.

**Additional questions?**

Please contact Susan Meyer, ECM Dean, at 586.228.3437 or by email at [smeyer@misd.net](mailto:smeyer@misd.net), and visit the ECM Web site at [www.ECMacomb.misd.net](http://www.ECMacomb.misd.net).

## ***Early College of Macomb*** **2021/2022 Timeline**

**January 5 and 7, 2021** Informational student/parent meetings

Please Note: All meetings are scheduled for **7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 5**

ZOOM Webinar link will be posted on **Monday, January 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, at [www.ECMacomb.misd.net](http://www.ECMacomb.misd.net); go to *Prospective Students*, then click on *Link to Information Night*.

**Thursday, January 7**

ZOOM Webinar link will be posted on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, at [www.ECMacomb.misd.net](http://www.ECMacomb.misd.net); go to *Prospective Students*, then click on *Link to Information Night*.

**February 12** Application deadline

### **Mandatory Admission Requirements - TBD**

Given the challenges of COVID-19, Macomb Community College is unable to administer the ACCUPLACER test this year for the Early College of Macomb. The test evaluates reading, math and English. In this unique situation, the College will decide on an alternative, that will be announced at a later date, to determine a student's placement.

<b>April</b>	Students receive notification of acceptance
<b>May</b>	ECM Orientation Meetings
<b>August</b>	ECM Summer Camp
<b>August 23</b>	Earliest possible first day at MCC
<b>September 7</b>	First day at home high schools
<b>May 6, <u>2022</u></b>	Latest possible last day at MCC
<b>June 10</b>	Latest possible last day at home high schools

*November 2020*