

Berrien County 5th Year Early/Middle College



In Partnership with:

- ❑ **Berrien RESA**
- ❑ **Lake Michigan College**
- ❑ **Southwestern Michigan College**



What is Early/Middle College?

“Designed to create more college opportunities for the underserved, underrepresented, underachieving student in post-secondary institutions”

What is the 5th Year Early/Middle College?

- ❑ 3 Year Program
- ❑ Students have the potential to earn a Career Certificate, MEMCA Early College Certificate, up to 60 transferable college credits or an Associate Degree
- ❑ Students apply in 10th grade year
- ❑ Students begin program in their 11th grade year
 - ❑ 11th & 12th grade years is a mix of high school classes, CTE classes and/or college classes
 - ❑ “5th” Year full time college classes on the college campus
 - ❑ Completion of last high school graduation requirement

What Does a Three-Year Plan Look Like?

	11 th Grade	12 th Grade	5 th Year
High School	Graduation requirements at the high school	Graduation requirements at the high school	Complete last high school graduation & math requirement on the college campus
College	Up to 2 college classes (3 – 6 credit hours per semester)	Up to 3 college classes (3 – 9 credit hours per semester)	Up to 4-5 college classes (12-15 credit hours per semester)

11th & 12th grade: Students may split time between high school campus, CTE program and/or college campus. 5th Year students will be on the college campus full time

What are the Benefits?

- All college tuition, books and fees provided at **NO** cost to student or family for entire three years
- Easy transition to workforce or four year university
- Student support provided throughout program
- Scheduling flexibility

Who is the Right Fit for Early/Middle College?



- High School Sophomores who:
 - Are on track to graduate
 - Are mature
 - Are personally motivated to succeed
 - Has self-discipline
 - Shows initiative
 - Take responsibility for their behavior & learning
 - Has tenacity

What are the Commitments?

- **3 years**
 - One high school graduation requirement to be completed in the 5th year
 - Delay high school graduation date by one year
 - Example
 - 12th grade completion year 2021
 - High School diploma completion year 2022
- **Mandatory Summer College Success Bootcamp**
 - Between 10th & 11th grade
 - July 15-19, 2019
- **Mandatory cohort meetings**
- **Completion of 100 hours community service, OR 40 hours of career exploration, internship, job shadowing or clinical experience OR combination of community service hours + career exploration that equals 75+hours**

What About High School Activities?

- 11th & 12th Grade participate in all regular high school activities
 - Walk with your graduating class
 - Athletics
 - Prom
 - College student organizations
 - Campus activities
- 5th Year
 - Student athletes not eligible to participate in college level sports BUT can participate in
 - College club sports
 - College student organizations
 - Campus activities
 - Students can live on campus (student responsible for cost of housing)

What Support Will be Provided?

- High School Counselor
- 5th Year Early/Middle College Consultant
- College Student Services
 - Tutoring
 - Career Services
 - Transfer Services

PROGRAMS OF STUDY-What Are The Options?

Lake Michigan College

- Associate of Arts/Transfer Degree
- Associate of Applied Science
 - Criminal Justice
 - Culinary
 - Engineering Technology
 - Hospitality Management
 - Manufacturing/Machine Tool
 - Business
 - Computer Information Technology
 - Application Development
 - Networking
 - Welding
- Medical Assisting Certificate

Southwestern Michigan College

- Associate of Applied Science
 - Automotive Technology
 - Construction Trades Green Technology
 - Fire Science
 - Sports Management



How do I Apply?



- Application available December 12, 2018
 - Go to www.berrienresa.org/emc to print paper application
 - OR see your high school counselor
- Turn in completed application forms by Friday February 1, 2019 to your high school designee listed on the application
- Take the Accuplacer Assessment
 - Scores **MUST** be submitted with your application
 - LMC Closed December 22, 2018 - January 1, 2019
 - SMC Closed December 24-25, 2018 and December 31, 2018-January 1, 2019
 - You will test at **SMC** if your program of study will be in Automotive Technology, Construction Trades Green Technology, Fire Science or Sports Management. All others will test at LMC
- Follow instructions closely AND
- Please print legibly!

What is the Family Interview?

- Students and their parent/guardian
 - Required for admission
 - Parent support but student motivation
 - Interview dates/times
 - Monday February 25, 2019
 - Tuesday February 26, 2019
 - Wednesday February 27, 2019 (only as needed)
- All interviews will take place from 4:30 – 8:30 pm
- Students will be notified by email for interview
 - Letters of acceptance will be mailed out to students by March 22, 2019



Frequently Asked Questions

- Is transportation provided?
 - Transportation is the responsibility of the student/parent
- How many students will be admitted into the program?
 - Program is competitive. The individual school district makes final determination of students admitted into program.
- What is the Accuplacer?
 - The Accuplacer is a college placement test. Students will assess in Reading, Writing & Math. Should a student not meet the recommended minimum score on a particular assessment, they are encouraged to retest in that area(s) and attach all results to the application. Students are allowed two attempts initially then one in each semester.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Will everyone that apply be admitted to the program?
 - Not everyone that applies will be admitted. Each school district has a designated number of slots. After review of the applications and interview the selection makes recommendations to the individual school district who then makes the final determination of admitted students
- How do the College credits transfer to a four-year university?
 - We do our best to ensure credits taken in the program will transfer BUT it is best if you speak to the University directly to discuss how credits will transfer to their institution



Questions?

Please visit our website: www.berrienresa.org/emc

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