



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Program FAQs

What is the Genesee County Career and Technical Education Early Middle College (GC CTE EMC)?

The Genesee County Career and Technical Education Early Middle College (GC CTE EMC) is a unique opportunity for students to explore and earn an associate's degree, credential or transferable credit in a CTE Career Pathway while in high school.

Students will begin blending their high school course work with college level coursework in 11th grade, adding additional college courses in 12th grade and complete a full schedule of college coursework in a 13th year.

What is a MEMCA Certificate?

Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA) Certificate recognizes early middle college students who successfully complete a minimum of 15 college credit hours and 100 hours of verified community service, a minimum of 40 hours of work-based learning or a combination of both that equals a minimum of 70 hours.

Do students get to walk with their graduating class?

Most school districts are allowing students to participate in commencement upon successful completion of the 12th grade. Please check with your local district for more information.

What graduation year will be on the EMC student's diploma?

The diploma date must coincide with the EMC student's legal graduation date after he/she has completed all of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements and local district graduation requirements.¹

Are the students required to complete an associate degree?

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the credential(s) identified on the GC CTE EMC programs of study. However, students are not required to complete an associate degree.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jennifer Thomas, GC CTE EMC Coordinator at 810-591-3288 or jthomas@geneseeisd.org

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Are EMC students still considered an on-time graduate?

Yes, provided they are flagged in the MSDS using the EMC participant code (3500) in all data submissions, grades 11 through 13.

Is Traditional Dual Enrollment the same as enrollment in an EMC?

Dual enrollment is available to students starting at grade 9. By itself, dual enrollment provides no specific course of study. Traditional dual enrollment opportunities provide students with up to 10 postsecondary courses under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act. (PA 160 of 1996) and the Career and Technical Preparation Act (PA 258 of 2000).¹

Participation in an EMC is declared before the student begins grade 11. EMC participants follow a specific and deliberately designed course of study that will result in earning up to 60 transferable credits toward a 4-year degree from a Michigan public or private university, an advanced certificate, an associate degree from a Michigan junior college or community college, or a Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certificate.¹

Financial FAQs

What is the cost to school districts and families?

A projected costs analysis has been developed for each of the Genesee County Career and Technical Education Early Middle College (GC CTE EMC) programs of study. The analysis includes year-by-year projected costs, dual enrollment obligation, estimated district cost, estimated family costs and family savings/benefit. Please direct families to contact Jennifer Thomas, GC CTE EMC Coordinator at 810-591-3288.

Is there a potential the cost analysis will change? Yes.

- The projected cost analysis will be impacted by increases/decreases in tuition, fees, textbooks, grant funding, state categorical funding, etc.
- The projected cost analysis may be impacted by changes in school funding, state law, Michigan Department of Education guidance, change in local school district policy, etc.
- Final costs will be determined by the local school district administration.

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