



*What's trending in the News Right Now?*

- ★ College costs are too high; college debt
- ★ Too many students are not attending college or completing college
- ★ States need to grow their workforce with the right credentials
- ★ Students waste time (and \$) on college courses that don't count

*ALL students can access college credit  
while in high school!*



# Earn College Credit While In High School

*Which program is best for your student?*

Early College (EC)	Dual Enrollment	Advanced Placement (AP) Classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student receives support personally, socially &amp; academically.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student will independently navigate the college process &amp; seek guidance, as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nationally recognized &amp; CollegeBoard approved curriculum taught at GLHS by GLHS teachers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must submit EC application before 11th grade.</li> <li>Includes grades 11th-13th.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may access courses in grades 9th-12th.</li> <li>Typically accessed in grades 11th-12th.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic School Year-Long Class</li> <li>Typically accessed in grades 10th-12th.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courses offered at postsecondary partners: KVCC, KCC &amp; WMU.</li> <li>Planned course pathway.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courses offered through various postsecondary schools in MI.</li> <li>Course options may be limited.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP classes at GLHS in core subjects.</li> <li>Additional AP courses offered online through Gull Lake Virtual Partnership.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Required</b> college advising on Gull Lake's campus each semester.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before enrolling in course(s), students are <b>encouraged</b> to meet with a college counselor.</li> <li>Course(s) choice requires approval by high school counselor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of prerequisite courses.</li> <li>Teacher recommendation.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students <b>plan</b> courses that result in the completion of an associate's degree, 60 transferrable credits, or an occupational certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are <b>encouraged</b> to take courses that meet the minimum requirements of the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) for transfer from one institution to another.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College credit is determined by the student's score on the AP Exam.</li> <li>Colleges may vary in what score is accepted for credit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to take paid summer course(s), if necessary.</li> <li>Course &amp; grade listed on GL transcript for all college courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional summer courses at the expense of the student/family.</li> <li>Credit only on GL transcript for summer classes.</li> <li>Course &amp; grade for academic school year listed on GL transcript.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer course work may be assigned by teacher</li> <li>Course is weighted 0.35 honor points/0.5 credit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition &amp; textbooks paid up to an allowable amount.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition &amp; textbooks paid up to an allowable amount.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fee for AP Exam at the expense of the student/family (approximately \$94/exam).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides students the 5th year status to earn additional college credits up to an associate degree.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminates after high school graduation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminates after high school graduation.</li> </ul>

**While all programs are available to all Gull Lake students, there are factors to consider when deciding which program(s) best fits your student. Consider high school academic performance, post-secondary plans, and the amount of personal/social and academic support your student**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans to begin at a local college, earn transfer credits for a university, or earn career credential.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans to attend 4-year university immediately after high school.</li> <li>Typically, a GPA of 2.8 or higher.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans to attend a competitive 4-year university after high school.</li> <li>Typically, a GPA of 3.5 or higher.</li> </ul>
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**See your high school counselor for more information.**

# What is Early College?

- Open to all 10th grade high school students
- A 5-year high school program that combines both high school requirements and college credit opportunities
- Ideally, students begin taking college courses in grade 11; gradually increasing until full-time college student in grade 13

# Goals of Gull Lake Early College

1. Increase the amount of Gull Lake graduates who complete a college degree
2. Increase college success for Gull Lake students through college knowledge and support systems
3. Assist with the financial burden of college costs to families
4. Expand high school opportunities based on students' individual needs and interests

# Early College Completion

By the end of grade 13, Early College students will be considered a “completer” of Early College if one of the following is met:

- ❑ Associate Degree (62 credits)
- ❑ 60+ Transferable Credits
- ❑ Occupational Certificate (AVG. 30 credits)
- ❑ MEMCA Certificate (15+ credits & career experience)

*Gull Lake is proud to be an approved MEMCA Early College program based on college and career readiness curriculum and supports*

# Student Testimonials



# Early College Partners

Students in Gull Lake Early College will pursue their course of study through one of GL's college partners:

- Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- Kellogg Community College
- Western Michigan University

Gull Lake supports tuition cost

→ Program of study and college partner choice will impact the amount of money students pay out of pocket

# What Students Want to Know

- ★ Students may participate in **graduation** activities with their original graduating class (June 2023)
- ★ High school **diploma** is held until completion of grade 13; graduation year listed on the diploma (2023)
- ★ Students are not eligible to play school-sponsored **sports** in the grade 13
- ★ Students will not be required to physically attend GLCS during grade 13---They are **full time college** students



# What does Grade 13 look like?

- Complete/continue requirements for college program
- Take a math-related course in the final year (grade 13)
- Take Gull Lake's online course, *Early College Capstone*; have weekly contact with EC Mentor
- Meet with college counselor on college campus for scheduling and regular advising
- Complete MEMCA requirements, if needed

# What happens after Grade 13?

Depending on college program of study, student may:

- enter workforce
- continue at community college
- apply for entry to 4-year university

Applicants to 4-year university:

- ❑ Apply to university as a first-year **freshman** with advanced standing. This will allow students to be considered for freshman scholarships.

# What Parents Want to Know

- ★ “What expenses can I expect?”
  - **program of study** (or lab-time classes) like science, computer, art, etc. may require additional tuition cost
  - **college partner** choice (WMU or out-of-county community college) will impact the amount of money students pay out of pocket
  - **parking** costs; gas money
  - **textbooks** and class supplies are paid upfront by the student/family
    - after the semester, the business office will calculate a refund up to the amount allotted by the state

# Sample 5-year Plan at GLHS

	9th/10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	13th Grade
<b>High School</b>	<p>*Full Time to work toward diploma requirements</p> <p>* Develop Educational Development Plan (EDP) to reflect your career path</p> <p>*Strengthen your college readiness benchmarks on standardized test</p> <p>*Take <i>College &amp; Career Readiness</i> course</p>	3 Blocks at high school	2 blocks at high school	<p>NO high school classes</p> <p><i>Virtual Early College Capstone</i> course</p> <p>Math-Related course at college</p>
<b>College</b>	none	2 blocks of college classes (approx. 12 credits in two semesters)	3 blocks of college classes (approx. 18 credits in two semesters)	Full Time (approx. 24-36 college credits in two semesters)
<b>*Varies based on program of study; example above is for an Associate Degree*</b>				
<b>Early College Support</b>	*HS Counselor/Mentor	*EC Dean *EC Seminar/Mentor *College Counselor		EC Capstone

# Sample 5-year Plan at GLVP

	9th/10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	13th Grade
<b>High School</b>	<p>Work towards high school graduation requirements</p> <p>* Develop Educational Development Plan (EDP) to reflect your career path</p> <p>*Strengthen your college readiness benchmarks on standardized test</p> <p>*Take <i>Virtual College &amp; Career Readiness</i> course</p>	Half Day Virtual (GLVP)	Half Day Virtual (GLVP)	<p>Virtual <i>Early College Capstone</i> course</p> <p>Math-Related course at college</p>
<b>College</b>	none	Approx 6 credits each semester	Approx 8-10 credits each semester	Full Time At least 10 credits each semester
*Varies based on program of study; example above is for an Associate Degree*				
<b>Early College Support</b>	*HS Counselor/Mentor	*EC Dean *EC GLVP Mentor *College Counselor		EC Capstone

# Keep in mind...

- ❑ **Transportation** is responsibility of student/parent
- ❑ Students follow both the high school and college academic **calendar** (spring break, holidays, etc may differ)
- ❑ **FERPA** limits what you can find out about your child's progress at college- information not readily available
- ❑ Federal **financial aid** (FAFSA) is not available until AFTER Grade 13 and high school diploma is completed
- ❑ Students must **refund** the district for courses failed/withdrawn from

# Factors to Consider

- ❑ Student needs to accept **support**
- ❑ **GL issued chromebooks** are not always compatible with college coursework
- ❑ **No guarantees** that participating will result in earning an associate's degree
- ❑ **Poor grades** in college may negatively impact both high school and college transcript and future financial aid
- ❑ Social **maturity** of student--personal/social and academic
- ❑ Students will encounter **adult students** in their college courses
- ❑ Some **content** in college classes may be adult in nature

# Steps for Enrollment

- ❑ Submit [GLEC Application](#) no later than August 27, 2021 or **before JUNIOR year begins**
  - ❑ Priority Deadline **March 5, 2021**
  
- ❑ Student continues the college going process with guidance from Jodee Stanton and GL counselor
  - ◆ **application** to WMU, KCC, or KVCC
  - ◆ **placement test** at the college
  - ◆ Meet with **college counselor**
  - ◆ **Course Registration & paperwork**
  - ◆ **College orientation**

**CHECK EMAIL OFTEN!**



# For More Information

Check out the [Gull Lake Early College Webpage](#)

*Contact your high school counselor for more information relating to your high school schedule.*

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