# EARLY COLLEGE



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> Every year, Muncie Central Early College students earn about \$350,000 in free college credits from Ivy Tech, saving families roughly \$500,000 a year when adding in the cost of books and fees!



### WHAT IS EARLY COLLEGE?

The Early College High School program conducted in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College is an accelerated program that allows MCHS students to earn a college degree or credential as they achieve their high school diploma.

The Early College program provides students with extensive support to meet high school graduation requirements, while preparing them to succeed in college and beyond. It is an excellent opportunity for students to earn FREE college credits.

#### **OPTIONS**

Associate Degree (60 credit hours) – Two (2) Year College Program

- Liberal Arts Degree
- Science Degree
- General Studies Degree

All transferable to a 4-year college or university

College Transfer Certificate (30 credit hours) – One (1) Year College Program

• Statewide Transfer General Education Core Certificate (STGEC); Widely accepted at four-year institutions MCHS Early College students receive FREE tuition for all courses in the program.

## **ADMISSIONS**

Complete the Early College application during the 8th grade year. The application requires a review of attendance, ILEARN scores, formative assessments (NWEA or i-Ready) and class work based on teacher recommendation.

Students must take the Knowledge Assessment at the end of their 8th grade year in order to be eligible to earn college credits in dual credit courses. Students not meeting qualifying scores will be given additional opportunities to meet dual credit requirements.

# **AP/DUAL CREDIT**

AP courses are college level, subject specific classes offered at MCHS. We currently offer 19 AP courses. Receiving high scores on AP exams at the end of the school year enables students to earn college credits for those classes. At least 15 credits of the total college credits required must be earned as dual credit for both high school and college through Ivy Tech (either at MCHS, at the Ivy Tech Campus, or online Ivy Tech courses)

#### RESEARCH

Early College participation is associated with higher rates of college enrollment, credit accumulation, and degree attainment according to a 2019 study by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.