



KALAMAZOO RESA

**Career
Connect**



2026-27 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES & PROGRAMS



Career & Technical Education (CTE)
CTE Work-Based Learning (WBL)
Education for the Arts (EFA)
Early/Middle College (EMC)



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Career Connect

Kalamazoo RESA's Career Connect team is leading a new, innovative approach to career development in Kalamazoo County, providing K-12+ learners with a robust continuum of world-class programs and services. From career exploration, to work-based learning, to hands-on training and specialized high school classes, Career Connect helps learners cultivate in-demand skills while gaining a competitive advantage. Read on to explore all the offerings and learn about the new Career Connect Campus, which opened to the first class of students in fall 2025. Make this the year you get career connected!

Vision

A community transformed by empowered learners building fulfilling careers.

Mission

To provide learners with transformative experiences, skills, relationships, and resources needed to support lifelong career development.

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Career & Technical Education

Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers a wide range of cutting-edge, hands-on career preparation programs to high school students across Kalamazoo County. CTE courses emphasize real-world application and maintain the rigorous requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, as well as state, national, and industry technical standards. CTE students have the opportunity to earn marketable, industry-recognized credentials through their CTE courses.

CTE programs are held at multiple locations across the county: at the Career Connect Campus, at local high schools, on college campuses and business, and at industry work sites. Courses are year long and typically two hours per day, five days per week.

CTE Career Connect Campus + Satellite Programs

High school students have the opportunity to participate in programs at the newly opened Career Connect Campus (CCC). Students at the Career Connect Campus engage in hands-on learning with industry experts in a new, state-of-the-art facility at 3500 Vanrick Drive in Kalamazoo.

Students additionally have opportunities to participate in classes at satellite locations, including the Kalamazoo Nature Center, The Air Zoo, and Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

All satellite locations are noted by the course title.

- **Who can participate?** Classes taught at the Career Connect Campus and satellite locations are open to students from across the county.
- **What kinds of classes are offered?** A wide range of courses are available across a variety of career pathways. All Career Connect Campus and satellite programs are aligned to in-demand, well-paying fields in Kalamazoo County.
- **What about transportation?** Transportation is provided to the Career Connect Campus and satellite locations.

Skills for Success: In addition to cultivating technical skills, all enrolled students work on developing “Skills for Success” in their courses - critical skills required for success in work and life. By cultivating mastery in the areas of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, personal management, and problem-solving, students grow their skills and gain a competitive advantage as learners, in the job market, and beyond.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAREER PATHWAY

Do you love nature? Are you curious about plants and animals?

Conservation Biology (held at the Kalamazoo Nature Center)

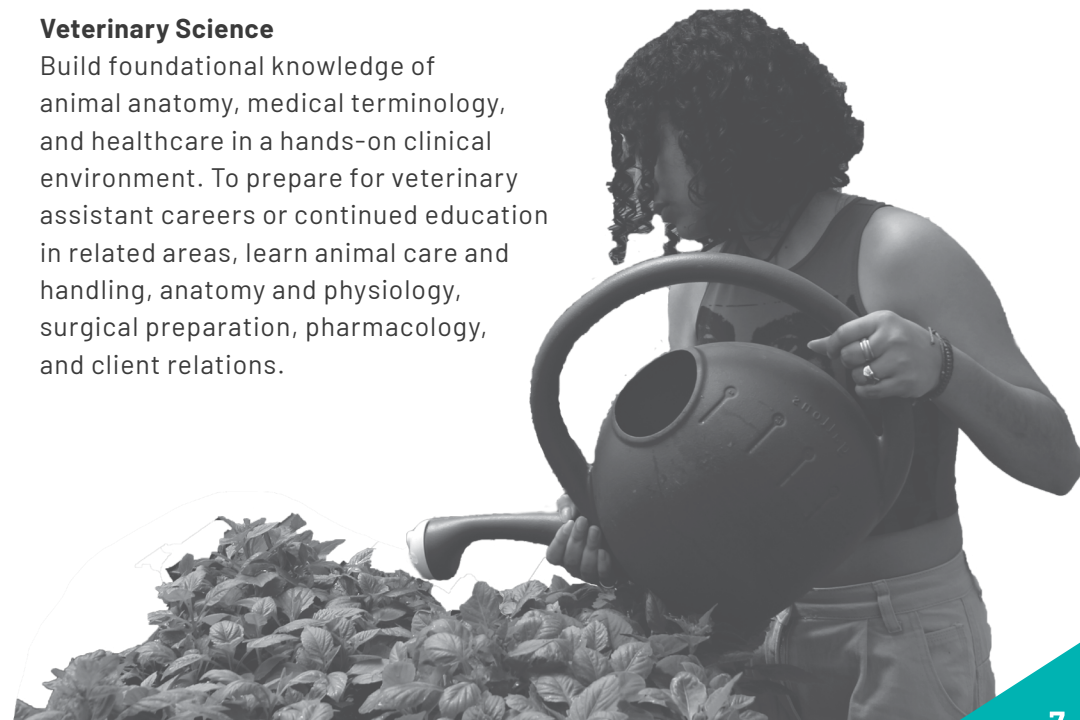
Examine ecological and applied biological science through classroom, lab, and field work outdoors at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Major units of the class include: biodiversity, forestry, climate change, soil, water, wildlife, and human impacts on the natural world. Interact with natural resource conservationists and wildlife biologists to gain the necessary skills for employment in this field.

Horticulture

Engage in every aspect of plant production, from crop selection to final sale. Learn plant biology, taxonomy, soil science, and modern production techniques while building a professional portfolio of work. This program prepares students for continued education or employment in the horticulture industry.

Veterinary Science

Build foundational knowledge of animal anatomy, medical terminology, and healthcare in a hands-on clinical environment. To prepare for veterinary assistant careers or continued education in related areas, learn animal care and handling, anatomy and physiology, surgical preparation, pharmacology, and client relations.



ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES CAREER PATHWAY

Do you enjoy building things? Are you curious about what happens in homes and buildings to make them work?

Construction Trades

Build hands-on skills in the construction industry. Learn hand and power tool use, blueprint reading, design, and basic carpentry skills to support successful careers in residential and commercial construction. This course provides a foundation to pursue a wide variety of construction pathways, including related apprenticeships, residential building, and commercial construction careers.

Electrical Technology

Engage in hands-on electrical installations ranging from residential wiring to commercial building projects. To prepare for apprenticeships and residential, commercial, and industrial electrical careers, the course focuses on electrical theory, electrical code, installation, troubleshooting, sustainable energy, and project management.

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Engage in hands-on layout design, installation, and service of residential and commercial HVAC-R systems. Learn blueprint design and reading, tools and equipment, residential installation, troubleshooting, and project management. This course prepares students for continued learning in related apprenticeships and careers in residential and commercial sales, service, and maintenance careers.

Plumbing

Gain skills in the design, installation, and maintenance of both residential and commercial plumbing systems. Learn blueprint design and interpretation, foundational tools and equipment, plumbing code, project management, and work with fittings, valves, and fixtures. This course prepares students for plumbing apprenticeships, residential and commercial sales, service, and maintenance careers.

CULINARY ARTS CAREER PATHWAY

Do you like to bake or cook? Are you curious about what it takes to succeed in a professional kitchen?

Culinary Arts

Step into a commercial kitchen setting with hands-on instruction and practical learning. Learn cooking principles, sanitation, food safety, management, and culinary skills. This program prepares students for occupations within the restaurant, baking, and catering industries.

DESIGN CAREER PATHWAY

Do you like to create and innovate? Are you interested in making things work better for people?

Design

Explore various careers in design, develop creative thinking skills, and understand the design process used by professionals. Create projects across multiple design fields, including: graphic design, fashion accessory design, interior and landscape design, product design, and more. Collaborate in design teams, present and discuss work, and build a professional portfolio to prepare for success in a variety of design careers.

“This class has challenged me to be my best self as an artist, go outside my comfort zone and try new things.”

– Mariah Crenshaw
Design Student

HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER PATHWAY

Do you enjoy caring for others? Are you interested in exploring a range of possibilities in the healthcare industry?

Dental Assisting (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Acquire the fundamental knowledge and skills of dental anatomy, physiology, terminology, dental materials, chairside assisting, sterilization, radiology, laboratory, and clinical procedures. This course prepares students to work in a dental office as a dental assistant.

Emergency Medical Technology (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Get prepared to work in an out-of-hospital setting as an entry level Emergency Medical Technician. Emphasis is placed on mastery of CPR, simple pharmacology for common medical emergencies, patient assessment, bandaging and splinting, and vehicle extrication. The course introduces the clinical component of EMT education which is the minimum level of training required for work on a transporting ambulance.

Medical Laboratory Science

Engage in comprehensive training in essential laboratory skills and ethical practices. Understand and implement safety protocols, master the art of drawing blood, gain skills in handling and preparing specimens for analysis, and perform diagnostic tests in a simulated clinical setting. Prepare for successful careers in both medical laboratory settings and phlebotomy.

Patient Care Technician

Explore healthcare communication and terminology, anatomy, physiology, clinical skills, ethics, and confidentiality in a simulated clinical setting. Learn skills ranging from basic patient care to phlebotomy and EKG. Get prepared for patient care technician, nursing, and related healthcare careers.

Pharmacy Technician

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacy technicians within the healthcare system. Dive into a range of topics, including

pharmacology, medication management and regulations, anatomy, physiology, prescription processing, personal and workplace safety, healthcare communication and terminology, math skills and hands-on learning to be prepared to enter a pharmacy technician or related pharmaceutical research/development career.

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

Explore a range of therapy fields, from basic physical therapy to occupational therapy, injury prevention, and rehabilitation, in a hands-on environment mimicking a functioning therapy clinic. To prepare for physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training, and related sports medicine careers, learn personal and workplace safety, healthcare communication and terminology, anatomy/physiology, injury care assessment/skills, and rehabilitation.

HUMAN SERVICES CAREER PATHWAY

Are you compassionate and understanding?
Are you motivated to improve the lives of others?

Criminal Justice & Public Safety (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Through a close partnership with local law enforcement agencies and Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC), gain the skills and ethical perspectives needed to become a successful police or fire academy recruit. Develop a foundation for additional careers in criminal justice. Explore topics such as criminal law, patrol procedures, fire ground operations, safety and first aid, ethics, defensive tactics, crime scene investigation, and communication skills.

Educator Academy

Cultivate foundational skills for a successful career in the field of education. Learn the fundamentals of child development, from early childhood through adolescence, and principles of effective teaching through classroom instruction and internships. Work directly with young learners in an educational setting, while preparing for work as a paraprofessional, childcare professional, or continued education as a teacher.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAREER PATHWAY

Are you interested in computers?

Do you like to solve problems using technology?

Computer Programming

Explore real-world scenarios to gain knowledge of professional software creation, design, and deployment. Understand device cross-platform development. Learn User Experience (UX), User Interface (UI), and responsive design while preparing for careers in the computer programming field.

Computer Networking

Learn to implement and manage high-performance, reliable, and scalable computer networks that connect devices, systems, and users across organizations or even globally. Gain insight into concepts such as performance and reliability, scalability, security, network architecture, network management, collaboration and convergence, standards, and troubleshooting, while preparing for careers in the computer networking field.

Cybersecurity

Prepare for a future in cybersecurity through hands-on, real-world scenarios. Students will learn to protect operating systems (Windows, Linux, macOS), networks, and data from cyber threats. The course covers essential topics including cryptography, coding, documentation analysis, network integrity and both hardware and software for strengthening cybersecurity. Students will explore cybersecurity careers, examine today's top cyber threats, and work toward industry-recognized certifications such as Tech+ and Security+. This course builds a strong foundation for further study and careers in the cybersecurity field.

MANUFACTURING CAREER PATHWAY

Do you enjoy using tools and gadgets?

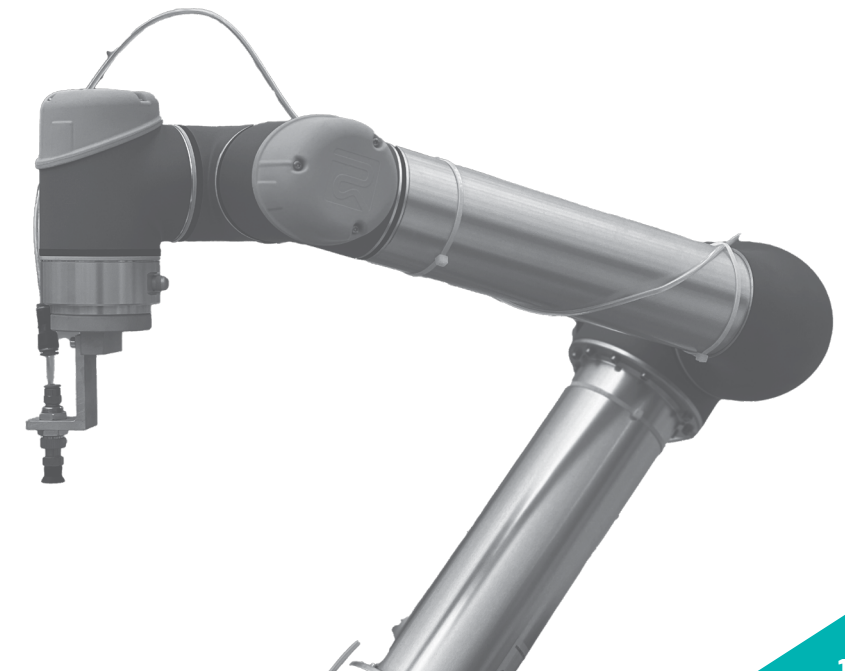
Are you curious about the way things work?

Machine Tool and Engineering

Get immersed in machine tool technologies, from basic to advanced. Learn the stages of manufacturing from idea to creation, including: the use of CAD/CAM software, CNC, mills, lathes, and other industry-related equipment. Build a solid foundation of manufacturing skills, including precision machining, problem solving, design, and quality inspection, to prepare for engineering and machining careers.

Mechatronics: Robotics and Automation

Dive deep into the use of robotics for processes that combine mechanical, electrical, computer, and automation technologies. Build a solid foundation of skills including electrical theory, robotics, CAD/CAM, hydraulics/pneumatics, and project management to prepare for machining and engineering careers.



Supply Chain

Explore the flow of materials from raw material to finished product and delivery to customers. This foundational course introduces key concepts such as global supply chains, warehouse location, contingency planning, and in-sourcing and out-sourcing decisions. Learn how professionals optimize resources and establish physical networks, while gaining real-world experience by operating the Career Connect Campus warehouse.

Welding

Get immersed in hands-on welding processes using professional equipment, applying various techniques to design and fabricate professional-grade metalwork. Gain expertise in safety, metalworking theory, welding techniques/tools, cutting/torches, automation, and quality inspection.

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS CAREER PATHWAY

Are you interested in cars and diesel equipment?

Do you like to fix things?

Automotive Technology

Engage in hands-on learning in a simulated model of a fully functioning auto service center. To prepare for occupations within the rapidly evolving auto service industry, learn safety, engine repair, automatic transmission and transaxle, manual drive train and axles, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical/electronic systems, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, engine performance, and foundational tasks of auto maintenance and repair.

Aviation Technology (held at the Air Zoo)

Develop an understanding of the aviation industry, including airplane evolution, commercial aviation, flight operations and regulations, weather, airspace, navigation, and more. Interact with industry experts and visit leaders in the field of aviation while cultivating skills with drone technologies.

Heavy Equipment Maintenance

Engage in hands-on training in the maintenance, repair, and operation of off-road diesel equipment, in partnership with AIS Construction Equipment. Explore heavy machinery used in construction, trucking, agriculture, and material handling industries. Learn engine, hydraulic, powertrain, and electrical systems, as well as maintenance fundamentals. Work with industry-standard equipment and tools, and gain valuable practical experience and prepare for careers as a heavy equipment technician, diesel mechanic, construction equipment operator, and a agricultural equipment mechanic.

CTE Local High School Programs

Many local high schools offer CTE classes for students in their buildings. Check in with your local district to discover options available at your school like Accounting, Business, Marketing, and more.





CTE Work-Based Learning

Take hands-on learning to the next level. Gain real-world experience and career skills through formalized learning in partnership with a local employer.

CTE Work-Based Learning experiences include job shadows, mock interviews, internships (paid and unpaid), industry and talent tours, and so much more!

Work-Based Learning Capstone

Primary WBL Experience for CTE Students

The WBL Capstone is a structured, high-impact work-based learning experience designed for students who have successfully completed a CTE course in a countywide program. This capstone offers students the opportunity to deepen their career readiness through internship experiences tailored to their CTE pathway, which may include single-site placements or rotation opportunities with multiple business partners.

Students participate in WBL during their regular CTE course time (AM or PM session), with time spent on campus for continued instruction, reflection, and progress monitoring with Career Connect CTE staff.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Completion of a CTE course
- 90%+ attendance
- Proficiency in Skills for Success

Work-Based Learning Internship

Flexible Option for Independent WBL Engagement

The WBL Internship remains an available option for 11th and 12th grade students who have completed at least a trimester or semester of a CTE course. This model allows students to earn credit and receive a grade through a paid or unpaid work experience with an approved employer. Internships typically occur during release time outside of the regular CTE schedule and are often student-initiated placements.

This option offers flexibility for students with existing jobs or unique scheduling needs but may not include the structured support and career-aligned rotations provided in the WBL Capstone.

Note: Personal transportation may be required, as internship sites vary and may not align with school transportation routes.



Education for the Arts

Excellence in the Arts is Education for the Arts' (EFA) suite of high school courses offering arts-intensive classes in disciplines such as theatre and dance as well as visual, literary, and media arts. Classes are taught by professional artists and educators in artistic environments, including studios and institutions like the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Open to all Kalamazoo County high school students, these courses typically run for 90 minutes daily throughout the school year. Transportation is provided.

DANCE

Dance Studio (Semester/Trimester)

Learn the basic elements and discipline of formal dance techniques, exploring classical modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, and dance styles from around the world. Exploration of dance-related genres and subjects will include movement improvisation, movement composition, dance history, and strategies for developing stronger spatial awareness. Students gain performance skills, learn how to choreograph their own dances, and participate in an EFA dance concert at the end of each term. They will have the opportunity to take field trips to see live dance concerts and attend master classes. Students will work with professional dance educators and guest artists, helping expand their knowledge of careers in the dance world.

Intermediate Dance Studio

Intermediate Dance is for students who have completed a semester-long EFA Dance Studio class, have previous dance/movement experience, and are committed to a full year of dance instruction. Students will further their training through in-depth instruction and structured small-group student exploration in formal dance techniques, classical modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip hop, and additional forms from around the world. Exploration of dance-related genres and subjects will include movement improvisation, movement composition, dance history, and strategies for developing stronger spatial awareness. Students will gain experience with performance, composition, and choreography, and cultivate observation, analytical, critical thinking, and reflection skills. Performance opportunities such as dance workshops, pep assemblies, and school concerts are included within the course structure. This class includes field trips to professional dance concerts and work with master guest artists to expand students' exposure to the world of professional dance.

World Dance Origins & Movement

Dance is considered a universal language as it is used around the world as a way to express emotions, share stories, and connect people. World Dance provides students with an opportunity to view popularized dance forms from around the globe beyond the movement. Students will experience a wide variety of dance forms and their influences on contemporary dances of today. This course combines elements of a traditional dance class with a deep analysis of the cultural and historical contexts of dance through videos, readings, and lectures.

LITERARY ARTS

Comics, Manga, and Graphic Novel Arts

Learn to write and produce compelling, artistic, inventive comics or manga, and graphic novels. Research the history of comics, study the elements of story, plot, and character development, and the productive use of imagery, layout, and composition. Work individually and collaboratively on projects and develop projects by manipulating and editing found media and open-source graphics.

Creative Writing (ONLINE, Semester/Trimester)

Gain mastery as a creative writer while cultivating valuable time-management skills and learning how to provide and respond to critique. Through literary analysis and weekly writing assignments, students will learn the craft of problem-solving as a writer, considering options and perspectives before putting pen to paper. Students will gain experience with a wide range of genres, including written and spoken-word poetry, personal narrative, creative nonfiction, short stories, and flash fiction. In addition to creative forms, students will develop professional writing skills and create a resume as part of an online portfolio.



MEDIA ARTS

Digital Design & Media Production (KVCC Dual-Enrolled) - 1st Year

Step into the world of professional design and media with this year-long digital design course that bridges high school creativity with college-level skill development. This dual-enrolled course introduces students to the principles of graphic design, branding, and digital communication using industry-standard tools and technologies. Students will learn how to create compelling visual content across various formats, including logos, posters, digital ads, social media graphics, product packaging, and web-ready designs. Emphasis is placed on the design process—from research and concept development to execution and presentation—preparing students for both college-level coursework and real-world creative careers.

Animation Design (KVCC Dual-Enrolled) - 2nd Year

After students take Digital Design & Media Production, unlock creativity and bring ideas to life in this dynamic, year-long animation course designed for high school students ready to take their skills to the next level. This dual-enrolled course will have students explore the fundamentals of 2D animation, character design, storyboarding, motion graphics, and visual effects using industry-standard software. Emphasis will be placed on both the technical and artistic aspects of animation, with projects that mirror real-world studio workflows. Throughout the year, students will learn the



history of animation, collaborate on team-based productions, and learn about career pathways in animation, film, and game design.

Intro to 3D Animation

This year-long 3D Animation course introduces high school students to the foundational skills and techniques used in the animation and digital media industry. Students will explore the creative and technical processes of 3D animation, from concept development to final production, using industry-standard software. This hands-on course will also have opportunities to create digital works that can contribute to a student's creative portfolio.

Creative Game Design

This project-focused course will teach students the fundamentals of game design. Through practice and study students learn to craft powerful stories through in-person, real-time games. Students create board games, card games, role-playing games, and video games, and explore adjacent forms of interactive media. Students develop storytelling and graphic design skills while gaining a greater understanding of the nature of play.

StoryLab: The Creator's Newsroom

Step into StoryLab: The Creator's Newsroom, where journalism meets the creative economy. Students learn how to discover, research, verify facts, and produce multimedia stories for video, podcast, and social platforms. Students will gain hands-on experience using the tools of today's news creators to produce stories that inform, inspire, and strengthen our community. Students' completed projects will be featured on Public Media Network's platforms, reaching real audiences across Greater Kalamazoo. Along the way, students build strong communication, collaboration, and critical-thinking skills preparing learners for college, careers, and civic life in today's digital world.

Digital Photography (First Semester/Trimester)

Hybrid: in-person class meeting one evening per week + asynchronous web-based instruction

This class will introduce, enhance, and refine students' abilities to express themselves with the aid of digital cameras. Students will learn proper photographic techniques, computer enhancement of photos, printing, and

professional presentation techniques. Participants develop skills through projects ranging from those focused on core photography fundamentals to immersive pieces of personal expression. Students end the course with the beginnings of a portfolio and the knowledge to expand their work in the future.

Digital Illustration (Second Semester/Trimester)

Hybrid: in-person class meeting one evening per week + asynchronous web-based instruction

This class introduces students to the basics of drawing and painting using digital means, as well as the basics of digital imaging using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. The course is built around the core elements of visual art, such as line, shape, value, and color, with an additional emphasis on learning and using imaging software tools. Students leave with a skillset valuable across a variety of professional contexts including arts, communications, media-based industries, and beyond.

Film & Video Production

Want to learn how to make amazing videos? From short films to viral content, this class teaches students how to plan, film, and edit like a creative pro. Using HD cameras and Adobe Premiere Pro, students will explore storytelling, action, editing, and much more through engaging, hands-on projects. Whether students are new to filmmaking or just love creating, this class helps learners build creativity, confidence, and real-world skills that translate to a variety of media and communications roles.

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts Exploration (Mornings at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts)

Further develop art-making skills by creating sculpture, photography, jewelry, painting, and more at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Students will work alongside practicing professional artists, benefitting from the depth of their expertise while cultivating mastery. This class is ideal for juniors and seniors who have taken drawing and some foundational high school art classes and are interested in expanding their art comprehension and artistic skills.

Advanced Visual Arts Studio (Afternoons at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts)

Take advantage of the professional facilities, equipment, and experience of master guest artists at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. This studio class offers advanced study in a variety of disciplines, including sculpture, oil painting, jewelry, photography, welding, printmaking, ceramics, and other related arts. Develop a Visual Arts Portfolio and learn presentation skills to apply for college scholarships, student art shows, and public art opportunities. This advanced class is designed for juniors and seniors who possess strong artistic skills and wish to explore their style in greater depth, while considering how creativity will be applied in their future endeavors.

THEATRICAL ARTS

Improv & Scriptwriting

More than just theatre without a script, improvisational theater equips learners of all stripes with tools and skills to become better communicators and develop a positive mindset. Interested students be warned: while learning this valuable skillset and art form, expect to laugh. A lot. Alongside the study of improv and its underlying principles and techniques, students will strengthen their voices and perspectives by learning how to create stories for the stage and craft their own scripts. Students will be challenged to grow in their practice as improvisers, performers, and collaborators during this engaging, hands-on class. No previous performance or theatre experience is expected.

Advanced Musical Theatre

For students interested in a career in the performing arts, this course provides an in-depth look at musical theatre through acting techniques, private voice lessons, and weekly dance classes. Students will experience the study of musical theatre history and enhance their appreciation of the genre while improving their practical performance skills in acting, voice, and dance. This course includes mentoring by professional theatre, vocal, and dance educators and guest artists. Students will also learn audition techniques, build a resume and portfolio, and have opportunities to create and perform in two end-of-the-semester showcases.



Early/Middle College

The Early/Middle College (EMC) program is an opportunity for students to earn an associate's degree or certificate along with their high school diploma. Students save both time and money as they pursue a college degree and access support services designed to enhance their success as they work towards achieving their educational goals.

How does EMC work?

Students are enrolled in a focused program of study at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Students have an additional 13th year of high school for program completion. The local school district pays the tuition and fees up to an allocated amount.

The EMC program is structured so that students gradually increase their exposure to college courses over a five-year span:

- Initially (9th/10th grades), the bulk of the student schedule will be comprised of traditional high school classes.
- As the student progresses through their educational plan, they will be engaged in more and more college courses.
- By the time they reach 13th grade (or 5th year), all of their coursework will be through Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

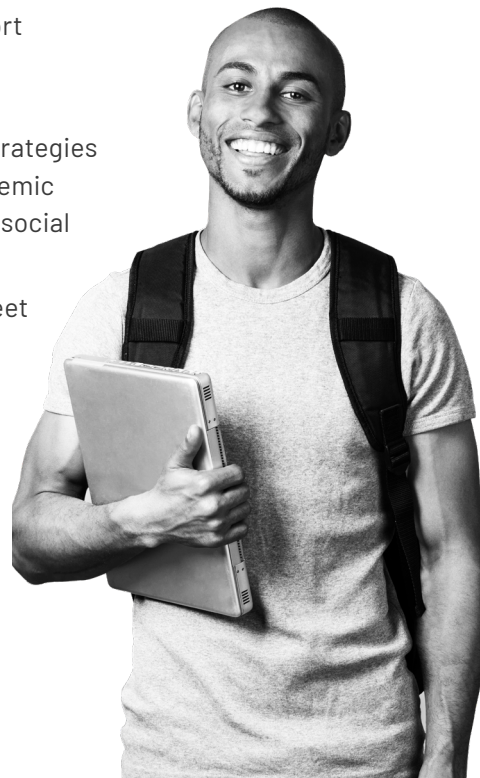
What additional supports are available to student to help them succeed in EMC?

Students who participate in EMC receive support services to assist them in their transition from high school to college:

- All EMC students take a College Success Strategies Course in 10th grade to enhance their academic preparation, study skills development, and social maturity skills.
- All EMC students have a coach that they meet with regularly to discuss challenges, celebrate successes, and make plans to support successful program completion.

What programs are available?

Most EMC programs begin with attending a CTE class in 11th grade at the Career Connect Campus or a satellite location. The CTE class includes college credit and/or credentials.



Students need to complete the CTE application for consideration. A seat in a CTE class is not guaranteed.

The General Education/Liberal Arts program does not include attending a CTE class. Students attend KVCC courses in 11th grade at the Career Connect Campus. The focus is typically on completing the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and taking additional courses towards a transfer degree.

PROGRAMS

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

- Horticulture
- Veterinary Science

Architecture & Construction Trades

- Electrical Technology
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

Business

- Accounting
- Business Management
- Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Culinary Arts

- Culinary Arts

Design

- Graphic Design

General Education/Liberal Arts

- General Education/Michigan Transfer Agreement

Health Science

- Dental
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Patient Care Technician

Human Services

- Criminal Justice & Public Safety
- Educator Academy

Information Technology

- Computer Programming
- Computer Networking
- Cybersecurity

Manufacturing

- Machine Tool & Engineering
- Welding

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Technology



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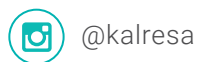
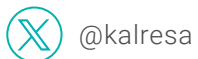
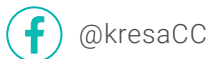
Career Connect

To learn more about Career Connect and how to enroll in these programs, visit our website at kresa.org/careerconnect.

You can also follow us on social media to stay updated on the latest news and events.

Career Connect is a program of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), which serves nine local school districts in Kalamazoo County. KRESA exists to transform lives by inspiring educational excellence. We provide a continuum of educational services and support to students, families, school districts and communities.

WAYS TO CONNECT



CAREER CONNECT A NEW VISION FOR EDUCATION

KRESA Career Connect is a continuum of career education programs that empowers the next generation of learners to explore career pathways and develop real-world skills. Whether students are interested in arts, automotive, technology, health, business, or anything in between, Career Connect has something to offer.

Career Connect offers a variety of classroom-based and out-of-school programs designed to support academic preparation and help young people achieve their career goals. Learners can start their career exploration journeys as early as kindergarten and continue until they graduate from high school and into young adulthood.

CAREER CONNECT'S PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ▶ **Career Awareness & Exploration (CAE)**
Programs, tools, and experiences that help you learn about yourself and potential career pathways including Xello
- ▶ **Work-Based Learning (WBL)**
Gain on-the-job experience and career skills in a mutually beneficial employer partnership
- ▶ **Career & Technical Education (CTE)**
Hands-on career preparation courses that develop professional skills and offer industry experience.
- ▶ **Education for the Arts (EFA)**
Arts exploration for students of all ages, with hands-on arts classes at the high school level
- ▶ **Early/Middle College (EMC)**
Dual-enrollment with KVCC to simultaneously complete a high school diploma and an associate's degree.
- ▶ **Career Coaching**
Career pathway planning services including academic enrichment, workforce readiness, and social skills development
- ▶ **MyCITY**
Seasonal youth employment program that serves as the gateway to paid internship and work experience
- ▶ **CareerNOW**
Paid career preparation program in healthcare and skilled trades with connection to short-term training, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities
- ▶ **2Gen**
Paid summer career exploration and pathway planning program for Kalamazoo families



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