Gull Lake Early College

Information Night 2026



Introductions



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Earn **COLLEGE CREDIT** in High School

Early College (EC)

A 3-year planned and guided program in grades 11, 12, and 13.

Outcomes: 60 credits, associate's degree, occupational certification, MEMCA certificate, and/or apprenticeship

Dual Enrollment (DE)

The option to take college courses while in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Career Technical Education (CTE)

Programs through KRESA that are exploratory and offer real-world experiences, academics, and credentials in careers that students are interested in.

Advanced Placement (AP)

A year long college-level HS course, culminating in a state exam to potentially earn college credits.

What is Early College?

THREE-year *planned* program (grades 11-13) combining HS requirements with college credit opportunities.

ALL 10th-Grade students are eligible to apply

Begin college courses in 11th Grade and transition to *full-time* college by Grade 13.

Benefits of Gull Lake Early College

COST SAVINGS:

GLCS pays **tuition**, **textbooks**, and **fees**

- Up to an **allocated state amount**
- Up to **62 credits** or an **associate's degree**

TIME SAVINGS:

Earn college **credits** for up to **3 years**

- Final year after original HS graduation

POST-GRADUATION SUCCESS:

Increases the number of GLCS students **enrolling** in and **completing** college

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT:

Support **services** to assist in the **transition** from HS to college

EARLY COLLEGE OUTCOMES

By the end of Grade 13, Early College students may earn:

- **Associate's Degree** (62 credits)
- **60+ Transferable Credits**
- **Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)** (30 credits)
- **Occupational Certificate** (avg. 30 credits)
- **MEMCA Certificate** (15 credits + career experience)

Participating does not guarantee an Associate's Degree.

STUDENT PANEL



EARLY COLLEGE PARTNERS

Kalamazoo VALLEY community college

KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

College **courses** offered at the **college** and **GLHS**

online, blended, in-person

A few Possible Program Examples

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

- Engineering
- Web Design
- Electrical Technology
- Automotive Undercar
- Nursing
- Dental Hygiene
- Culinary Arts

Kellogg

- Welding, HVAC
- Criminal Justice
- Elementary Education
- Accounting
- Arts
- Nursing
- RMTC
- Culinary Arts

Western Michigan University

- General Education
- STEM
- Business
- Product Design
- Cyber Security
- Integrated Design & Manufacturing



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COLLEGE PARTNER PANEL



FACTORS *to* *Consider*

PERSONAL CHECKLIST:

- Social & Academic Maturity
- Self-Motivation
- Self-Advocating

TECHNOLOGY:

Chromebooks may **not** be compatible with college programs

EXPECTED for SUCCESS:

- Time Management
- Communication
- Using Resources

POOR GRADES:

Negatively **impact** HS and college **transcripts**, and future financial aid (**FAFSA**)

AWARENESS:

Courses may contain **adult content** & students of all **ages**

TRANSPORTATION:

Student/parent responsibility



ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Follow **BOTH** college and HS
Breaks/holidays may differ

FERPA:

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Federal law limits **parent access** to student progress without student permission

GULL LAKE EARLY COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM





Gull Lake Early College Teachers

Holly Rowland
(Last Names A-L)

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(Last Names M-Z)



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Alyssa Schuck
Early College & Innovative Programs Coordinator

- **EC Virtual Advisory (11th & 12th Grade)**
  - ***Required*** **Monthly Check-In**
- **EC Virtual Capstone (Grade 13)**
  - ***Required*** **Weekly Check-In**

Additional

EARLY COLLEGE SUPPORTS

- **College Advisor--** ***Required*** **Advising**
- **High School Counselor**

keep in MIND

EXPECTED EXPENSES
Out-of-Pocket

College Partner Choice

- Out-of-County
- WMU



Program of Study

- Lab Time
  - Science
  - Math
- Computer Science
- Art



Parking & Fuel Costs



Textbooks & Supplies

- Paid **upfront** by the student
- **Reimbursement:** end of semester- up to state allocated amount



Failed/ Withdrawn Courses

- Student **REFUNDS** GLCS for **0.0** & **W**
- HS **transcript** affected



Example 5-Year Plan

Early College	Grades 9 and 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grade 13
High School	**Full Time** to work toward **diploma** requirements Develop **Educational Development Plan** (EDP) to reflect your career path Strengthen your college readiness benchmarks on **standardized test** Take ***College & Career Readiness*** (CCR) course	**3-4 classes** at High School OR **1** or more Virtual (**GLVP**) *CTE & AP	**1-4 classes** at High School OR **1** or more Virtual (**GLVP**)	**NO** High School classes Virtual ***EARLY COLLEGE CAPSTONE*** Course **Math or Math-Related** course at college
College	None	**1-2** college classes (6-12 credits in two semesters)	**1-4** college classes (6-24 credits in two semesters)	**Full Time** (at least **10 credits** each semester)
Early College Supports	**High School Counselor**	**Dean of Early College** **Early College Seminar** **Early College Teachers** **College Advisor**		**EC Capstone A & B**

EARLY COLLEGE

Students must be **FULL-TIME**

CORE classes are **required** (GLHS, GLVP, or college)

GLVP CREDIT OVERAGE:

Number of college courses = slots used **OR** divide total credits by **2** = slots used in schedule

GLHS CREDIT OVERAGE:

A **>3 credit** class can stretch over **two** blocks

Schedules vary

Accuplacer Placement Test **required**

AUTHORIZATION & CHANGES:

- HS Counselor
- Dean of EC
- EC Teacher
- College Advisor

DIPLOMA TRACK:

- GLHS diploma
- GLVP diploma
- Homeschool

HS Diploma: CLASS OF 2028

Final transcript will reflect the end of Grade 13 date

SCHEDULES

EXAMPLE SCHEDULES

GLHS

0	0014 - Seminar 9-12
1 - 2	5742 - CTE Patient Care Technician
3	DE-MUS102 - KVCC History of Rock
4	1001 - Test Prep
5	905A - Physics A

0	0014 - Seminar 9-12
1	DE-EDU109 - KVCC Early Literacy
2	GLVP-VOTH91 - VP Art Appreciation HS
3	603A - World History/Geo A
4	1001 - Test Prep
5	919A - Earth and Space Science A

0	0014 - Seminar 9-12
1 - 2	DE-CHM100 - KVCC Fundamentals of Chemistry
3	DE-BUS105 - KVCC Principles of Marketing
4	DE-ENG111 - KVCC College Writing II: Literature
5	7110 - Personal Finance EDL

EXAMPLE SCHEDULES

GLVP

Course Title	Application Title
Muscles and Movement HS: Level 1	No Application Option
College - 1st Class	KVCC College Writing 2
College - 2nd Class	KVCC College Algebra
College - 3rd Class	KVCC Business Computer Application
College - 4th Class	KVCC American Government
College - 5th Class	Credit Overage

Course Title	Application Title
College - 1st Class	KVCC American Government
College - 2nd Class	KVCC Delinquency Prevention
Coding 1A: Introduction to Programming H	No Application Option
Algebra IIA	No Application Option
Personal Wellness HS: Level 1	Rock Climbing-Climb Kalamazoo Off Site | Wed | 09:00-11:00
College - 5th Class	Credit Overage

WHAT DOES GRADE 13 LOOK LIKE?

Students complete/continue requirements for their planned program.

Minimum requirement of 10 credits per semester.

Students must take a math-related course in the first semester of the final year.

Students take the GLEC Capstone A & B course online.

Apply to university as a freshman/first year
- Freshmen with advanced standing
- Eligible for freshmen scholarships
- FAFSA eligibility begins AFTER Grade 13 completion

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADE 13?



enter the workforce



continue at community college



attend a four-year university

STUDENT PANEL





NEXT STEPS:

- **APPLY NOW:** GLEC Class of 2028 Application
  - **Priority Deadline**: February 27th
  - Applications accepted from **January 2026** to **August 1, 2026**
  - *Welcome email from Mrs. Addy*
- **APPLY** to **college** *(KVCC, KCC, or WMU)*
- Send **college ID** to Mrs. Addy
- Schedule & take **Accuplacer Test** (R & W / M)
- Meet **Early College Teacher**
  - *Welcome email from Mrs. Rowland or Mr. Bruininks*
- **GLEC Team** will arrange **advising appointments**

CHECK GL EMAIL OFTEN

For More Information

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

Class of 2028 Application





https://tinyurl.com/cohort15app