EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS/CHECK LIST

Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College (EMC) is a rigorous five-year high school program, combining the best of the high school and early middle college experience. EMC is structured so that students increase their exposure to college courses over a five-year span. By the time they reach the fifth year, all their coursework will be on-site at the college campus.

Students who consider EMC must be willing, motivated and up for the challenge to perform successfully at the college level. The end result is for students to graduate at the end of the fifth year with a high school diploma and advanced college credits, a certificate or associate degree.

Students must be accepted into the EMC program before beginning the junior year of high school. The students' local school district pays the college tuition and fees up to an allocated amount, determines the number of openings, and makes the final decision as to which students are selected for participation.

Any students or parents interested in more information and/or those planning to apply to the program should plan to attend one of the following information sessions. The Zoom links can be accessed on the EMC website at www.kresa.org/emc.

- Thursday, Jan. 14 CTE/EFA/EMC from 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, Feb. 9 EMC sessions from 5:10-5:40pm and 6:30-7:00pm at the KRESA Career Connect Open House *(located at 3500 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49001)*
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 CTE/EFA/EMC from 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, March 2 EMC only from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in person in room F110 at KRESA Career Connect Campus *(located at 3500 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49001)*

To be eligible to apply to Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College students must:

- Be on track to complete all Michigan Merit graduation requirements by the end of their junior year (with the exception of English 12 and the final Math course).
- Complete and submit the EMC application form located at: https://kresa.tfaforms.net/f/EMCApplication. All of the EMC programs of study start with a related CTE course in 11th grade, followed by KVCC courses in 12th and 13th grade/5th year.

  PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS, COME PREPARED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

  - High School Counselor's email address
  - Name and email address of one teacher who will submit a recommendation on your behalf
  - Two additional teacher's names and email addresses
  - Application Essay (be ready to type it in during online application process or copy/paste). You can view the essay guidelines on the main page of the EMC application.

Applications for the 2027-2028 school year will be accepted from **12/1/2026 to 3/5/2027.**

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EMC STUDENT APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Students, it is extremely important you complete EACH STEP of the application process. There are several steps to complete BEFORE your application will be considered for the EMC program. Please use the check list below to stay on track.

Email communication will be used throughout the application process. It is very important that you monitor your email account regularly. You should also reference the 2027-2028 Steps for Participation document for detailed instructions on each step. The document can be found at www.kresa.org/emc. The document will also be emailed to you when you submit your EMC application.

- ☐ **Step #1**: Student completes the EMC program application at https://kresa.tfaforms.net/f/EMCApplication by **March 5, 2027**
- ☐ **Step #2:** Student completes the KVCC application at www.kvcc.edu/apply by **March 12, 2027**
- ☐ **Step #3:** Student uploads their KVCC acceptance letter by **March 26, 2027**
- ☐ **Step #4:** Student sets up their KVCC MyValley account and uploads their course recommendations by **March 26, 2027**
- ☐ **Step #5:** Student completes the KVCC placement tests if required by **April 2, 2027** (see Steps for Participation document for important details regarding placement tests)
- ☐ **Step #6:** Student will be notified of their EMC application status by **mid-April 2027**
- ☐ **Step #7:** Student meets with counselor to discuss EMC plans and create tentative schedule by **the end of April 2027**
- ☐ **Step #8:** Student and parents/guardians attend EMC Orientation on **May 25, 2027 from 6-8pm.**. **This is a required event.**
- ☐ **Step #9:** Student attends EMC Kickoff event in the summer. Date TBD. **This is a required event.**
- ☐ **Step #10:** Student begins CTE classes on **August 31, 2027.**

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