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Early / Middle College (EMC)

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Early/Middle College Application Terms

Student Name:_____

Parent/Guardian Name:_____

As parent/guardian and student participants in the Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College program, we are indicating that we understand and agree to the terms and conditions listed below by initialing each statement:		
	Parent Initials	Student Initials
We understand that the Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College (EMC) program is an option for all eligible high school students and that students must apply prior to junior year in order to be considered.		
We understand that enrollment in the EMC program involves being enrolled in high school for a total of five years (grades 9-13). We understand that EMC students will not be eligible for their high school diploma until the completion of grade 13.		
We understand that EMC students are expected to complete at least one of the following, in addition to the high school diploma, by the end of grade 13: an Associate degree, 60+ transferable credits, an occupational certificate, a Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) Technical Certificate, or the right to participate in a registered apprenticeship.		
We understand that if an EMC student does not earn an associate degree, 60+ transferable credits, or an occupational certificate, the student is expected to fulfill the requirements of the MEMCA certificate. This includes Michigan Merit Curriculum, minimum of 15 transferable college credits, and either 40 hours of verified career exploration, internship, job shadowing, clinical experience, or 100 hours of verified community service (or a combination of the two that equals 70+ hours).		
We understand that EMC students are required to successfully complete a math-related course in grade 13.		
We understand that EMC students are required to meet with a designated Coach through grade 13. The goals of the meetings shall include discussing academic progress, developing success strategies, connecting students with resources, and assisting students with their transition from high school students to college students.		
We understand that placement testing may be required in order to determine appropriate college course placement and that it is the student's responsibility to arrange a time to complete placement testing either at the college or at the high school (if available).		
We understand that EMC students are expected to attend their annual EMC cohort events: EMC Kickoff for 11th graders, EMC Refresh for 12th graders and EMC Rising 5th Year for 13th graders.		

Notice of Non-discrimination: It is the policy of Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency that no discriminating practices based on race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or sexual identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") or any other legally protected category be allowed during any program, activity, service or in employment. The following positions at Kalamazoo RESA have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy: Executive Director of Human Resources, Contact information: 269-250-9200, 1819 E. Milham Ave, Portage, MI 49002.

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We understand that EMC students must attend and pass all required high school classes, CTE classes and program-approved college courses through the end of grade 13.		
We understand that the cost of college tuition, fees and required materials for approved EMC courses will be paid up to an allocated amount per class as determined by the district in which the student is enrolled. We also understand that any costs above the allocated amount will be the responsibility of the student and/or parent.		
We understand that we will be responsible to repay the school district any tuition costs that were expended by the school district for failure to successfully complete a district paid post-secondary course. We understand that we will be responsible to reimburse the school district for the non-completed courses prior to the start of the next semester.		
We understand that EMC students are expected to meet with a college academic advisor each semester and are responsible for enrolling in approved courses towards the degree program.		
We understand that EMC students must follow and adhere to both the high school academic calendar and the college calendar (may differ for Spring Breaks, holidays, etc.).		
We understand that some courses offered on a college campus may involve content not typically taught or considered appropriate in high schools. Students may encounter adult or controversial subject matter. In addition, we also understand that EMC students may be exposed to college aged and adult students during their participation on the college campus.		
We understand that remedial college courses, most activity courses, and religious courses do not qualify for tuition support through dual enrollment.		
We understand that transportation to the college is the responsibility of the student/parent. There are some transportation options through the KRESA CTE/EFA/EMC bus hub.		
We understand that EMC students are enrollees of their school district through grade 13 and the laws, policies, and graduation requirements still apply.		
We understand that EMC students are subject to student academic and disciplinary standards and policies of the district in which the student is enrolled and the school district and/or college campus where college courses are located.		
We understand that EMC students will be held responsible for any inappropriate or offensive communications or actions as part of their participation in the EMC and use of the equipment is governed by the applicable technology code of conduct and student code of conduct policies.		

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We understand Federal Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA) restricts the amount of information parents can access regarding the student's academic progress at the college level. College attendance and grades will not be readily available to parents to access. We understand it is the student's responsibility, not the parents, to consult with the instructor regarding assignments, tests, grades.			
I understand and agree to select one of the two options presented below regarding permission to have the EMC student photographed or filmed for educational purposes while participating in the EMC program.			
A.	I understand/agree that as the parent/legal guardian of this student, I am giving permission for my son/daughter to be photographed and/or filmed for educational purposes while participating in the EMC program.		N/A
OR		**OR**	
B.	I understand that as the parent/legal guardian of this student, I am exercising my "opt out" right to not have my son/daughter filmed or photographed for educational purposes while participating in the EMC program.		N/A
We understand that failure to comply with the EMC program expectations and requirements may result in early dismissal from the program.			

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

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