



DAVISON EARLY COLLEGE

Supported Start to College

Davison Early College transforms the typical high school experience into a five-year program of study culminating with a recognized credential.



IS DEC A GOOD FIT?

DEC is a great option for students who want to:

- Jumpstart your college or career journey with catered individual supports
- Save on future college tuition & fees
- Focus your studies within a pathway and take classes within a chosen major to earn a credential or degree
- Develop power skills like adaptability, initiative, and time management

You may need to complete certain prerequisites to participate in EMC. Talk to the Early College Coordinator to get started.

WHAT YOU GET

Earn both your high school diploma and one or more of the following in five years or less:

- Up to 60 transferable college credits
- An associate degree
- A professional certification
- The Michigan Early Middle College Association ([MEMCA](#)) technical certificate

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

Integrate high school, college, and industry preparation within a highly supportive environment so you're ready for your next step, whether that's a transfer to 4-year college or jumpstarting your career.

Intentional Support

Transitioning to college can be a jarring experience. DEC helps prepare you for the next step through programs including college tours, summer boot camps and more.

"The DEC Coordinator is incredibly helpful and vital to the process - very kind and donating so much time to each student."

Engaging Academics

If you already know what career path you'd like to explore, why wait to start preparing? DEC coordinates the work you do in school with the work you'd like to do out of it.

"Pursuing Davison Early College lifted me with hope because I can actually take classes that I want to take and coursework that builds to what I want to be doing."

Career Exploration

It's not uncommon for college students to change their minds about what to study. DEC gives you a chance to test the waters sooner, so you can make more confident choices when the stakes are higher.

"This program has helped me find my passion and what I want to continue to study in the future."

WHY CHOOSE DEC?

Consider the following questions, and discuss them with your support system, including your counselor:

Do I have a sense of a career field or academic path I'd like to pursue?

Am I ready to handle college-level and highschool coursework at the same time?

Do I manage my time well enough to balance rigorous academics, extracurriculars, and my personal interests?

Am I comfortable with staying in high school an extra year in order to complete a college credential?

FAQS

Q: What's the difference between DEC and dual enrollment?

A: DEC is designed to get you a credential, like an Associate's degree. Dual enrollment allows you to earn individual college credits during high school but is not set up to lead to a credential.

Q: What happens during the fifth year of the DEC program?

A: Your fifth year is typically spent completing courses needed for the credential you are completing, whether it leads to a career or four-year college transfer.

Q: Will I have to pay for the college courses I take in high school?

A: Most college course expenses are covered by the DEC program. The costs associated with books, supplies, and transportation may vary — contact your DEC Coordinator for more information.

YOUR OPTIONS

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