



Program Overview:

The Early/Middle College Partnership between Woodhaven-Brownstown School District (WBSD) and Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) was created to give students an opportunity to pursue an associate degree while still in high school. Students will take a blend of high school and college courses for three to five years depending on when the student enters the program, completing the degree in year 5 (Grade 13). In the ninth and tenth grade year, students will take classes through the WBSD and participate in courses taught by WCCCD staff on WBSD property. During the 11th and 12th grade years, students will take classes both at the high school and on campus. During the 13th year, all courses will be taken on WCCCD campus. The college tuition will be paid by the WBSD, providing a substantial savings for parents and students. The goals of the Early/Middle College program are:

- Increase the number of students enrolling in college
- Provide students an opportunity to engage in the college experience in a supportive setting
- Reduce the financial burden on families
- Increase student opportunities based on interests, talents, and abilities
- Expand the traditional view of high school

Program Goals:

- Students begin college early with supports that help them succeed while still meeting the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum required for a Michigan high school diploma
- Provide FREE tuition, books, fees, and supplies to WBSD eligible students
- Students are on a faster pace to earn associate and/or bachelor's degrees by earning two years of transferable credit
- Students will likely need to spend only two years at their own expense to earn a bachelor's degree
- Students transition to college gradually
- Students can see the connection between their studies and their career goals

Considerations for Students and Parents

- Early/Middle College students do not receive their high school diploma until the end of year 13, but will be allowed to participate in High School Commencement and associated activities in Grade 12 and participate in College Commencement after Grade 13.
- Students must follow both the college class schedule and calendar for their college courses AND the WBSD calendar for WBSD courses. There may be different start/end dates for classes and different vacation schedules.
- Students may need to take one or more classes outside of the school day (before school, after school, evening, weekends).
- Extracurricular activities offered by WBSD may be impacted by college course schedule
- College classes taken by WBSD students may be open to students of all ages when taken on the WCCCD campus.



**Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
Wayne County Community College
Early/Middle College Selection Process**



1. Students and parents complete and submit formal WWEMC (**W**oodhaven-**B**rownstown/**W**ayne County Community College District **E**arly/**M**iddle **C**ollege) application including two sealed recommendation forms to be reviewed by WBSD personnel.
2. Application reviewed by committee along with transcript, college assessment data (PSAT 8/9, PSAT 9, and/or PSAT 10), attendance, and discipline records. Following the paper screening, qualified candidates may be contacted to schedule a personal interview.
3. Students and parents that are accepted into the program will attend a WWEMC orientation with WBSD and WCCCD representatives.
4. If student and parent wishes to continue with application into WWEMC, student will be invited to WCCCD for application, COMPASS testing, and on-site orientation.

Students will meet with WWEMC personnel and advisors to develop an individualized plan of work. Students take common college courses on WBSD site through 10th grade. Beginning in 11th grade, students can take courses under advisement of the WCCCD advisor to obtain a relevant associate degree or certificate pursuant to student's goals. WBSD will work with the WCCCD advisor to schedule courses that also meet requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum for high school diploma attainment.

Application will open February 27 and will be due in the
PHMS or WHS counseling office by **March 31**.

You can learn more at 10th grade orientation at WHS March 1 or 9th grade orientation at PHMS on March 9. Out of District families can learn more at our Explore night on April 19 at WHS.

For more information, please contact
WBSD Curriculum Director, Stacy Peterson, 734-789-2349 or visit our website.