



BEAVERTON EARLY COLLEGE

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Beaverton Early College provides guidance, financial assistance and academic support to enable students to successfully complete their post-secondary education and begin their careers.

What is Beaverton Early College?

The Beaverton Early College program is designed to afford students with the opportunity to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and either:

- An Associate's degree OR
- the Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certification OR
- Up to 60 transferable college credits



How does it work?

Beaverton Early College students take some classes at Mid Michigan College to fulfill the general elective credits that are required for most Associate's and Bachelor's degrees.

Students enrolled in the Early College program extend their high school career by one additional year, meaning they attend five years of high school. While this means an additional year of being a BJSHS student, BEC students will spend 100 percent of their fifth year on the MID campus. While BEC students receive their high school diploma

only after their fifth year is completed, they will walk at commencement with their senior year class.

Classes are offered at the BJSHS campus, at MID's Mt. Pleasant and Harrison campuses and online. Students decide based on what works best for their schedule, built with the help of a MID mentor. The students' high school classes will be scheduled in a block to accommodate convenient college scheduling.

To sum up, the Beaverton Early College program allows students to:

- Complete two years of college a year ahead of their peers
- Have an Associate's degree paid for, saving \$6,000-plus on tuition
- Earn an MID degree that is highly transferable, allowing students easy access to continuing for their Bachelor's

degree at a university or college

- Enter the work force immediately upon completion in some cases, particularly in occupational or trade careers
- Enjoy support from BJSHS and MID mentors, including help with college preparation



Who can apply to Beaverton Early College?

Any BJSHS student can apply to the Early College program during 10th grade. Students must be in good academic standing, and they must commit to BEC before the fall state reporting date of their Junior year, usually in late September or early October.

Students' acceptance into the program is ultimately up to the administration's discretion. Criteria for admission include but are not limited to attendance; discipline; grades; success in previous college courses; attitude; and work ethic.

What are the BEC rules & requirements?

- Ideally, in the 11th and 12th grades, students have a blended schedule of both high school and college classes; the college plan is individualized to each student's own goals
- During the fifth year, students must enroll as full time students at MID. Most students don't need to come to BJSHS for classes; however, some students can choose to complete their schedule with one high school class
- All Early College students must complete the digital portfolio presentation at BJSHS during the fifth year
- Students have access to the BJSHS computer lab and may check out calculators and/or computers, if needed
- Students will need to meet with Beaverton and MID mentors to choose a college degree pathway



NEXT: WHO PAYS FOR WHAT?

- When students commit to the Early College program, they forfeit their status as valedictorian/salutatorian/top ten of their senior class due to their graduation date change
- Although the goal is for all students to earn an associate's degree or an equivalent, the actual number of college credits earned is dependent on the student's schedule and is based on his or her individual plan
- During the fifth year, students are not eligible for Beaverton high school athletics sanctioned by MHSAA
- Early College students can still apply for specific scholarships in their senior year of high school, as well as some scholarships in their fifth year
- In order for a course to be transferable to another academic institution, students must earn a grade of "C" or higher.; once a student enrolls into a college course, his or her college GPA has begun to calculate
- There are mandatory meetings with BJSHS administrators which the student must attend in order to take advantage of this opportunity; parents are invited to attend as well



Who pays for what?

As a Beaverton Early College student, the school takes care of the following costs:

- Tuition, books, and fees
- A maximum of five classes per semester, excluding summer classes and remedial courses

Dual enrollment laws state that the school MUST charge students for all related costs of a failed or withdrawn course. Please make sure that you are seeking help if you start to



struggle in a course, and please note the following:

- Failed and withdrawn courses can affect future financial aid
 - Students are not allowed to withdraw from courses without seeking administrative approval
- BJSHS will assist families with all enrollment processes and serve as the transition service from high school to college
 - A student's diploma will be withheld if the student does not return books and pay any fees they have accrued

When will students graduate from high school? When do they participate in graduation ceremonies?

The actual diploma is earned and awarded after the completion of the fifth year. If students are in good standing and have satisfied all high school requirements except for the digital portfolio and job shadowing or community service, they are permitted to march with "their class" as seniors after their fourth year of high school. They will receive the diploma cover as all graduates do. However, they would not receive the actual diploma until the additional

requirements have been met.

- After the fifth year, cohort groups will have the option for their own ceremony together

Do I have to come back to BJSHS for the fifth year?

This program is designed to be individualized for each student. Therefore, it is up to you as to how your fifth year schedule is arranged. You can:

- Take all your classes at MID like a traditional freshman in college
- Take some classes at BJSHS (any college courses offered at BJSHS as well as electives or any other courses needed to satisfy graduation requirements)
- Choose the courses you will be taking after meeting with a MID mentor and/or BJSHS administrators

What are the requirements for students if they do not complete the Associate's Degree?

- State of Michigan High School Merit Curriculum
- Successful completion of a minimum of 15 college credits with a 2.0 GPA or higher in non-remedial courses
- Early College students who will not earn an Associate's degree after the fifth year will be able to earn an equivalent by earning a Technical Certificate. Students will take on two additional requirements for graduation during the fifth year:



- 100 hours of community service to be completed by May 1 of their fifth year (documentation will be required)
 - Minimum of 40 hours of verified career exploration, internship, job shadowing or clinical experience, or a combination of the two that equals 70-plus hours
- Students will complete all of their high school requirements, except the digital portfolio, prior to the fifth year.

Is this right for me?

Ultimately, this is your decision and you have to decide what is right for you. Some things to consider are transferability of MID courses; your financial situation; and the possibility of receiving Pell Grants and scholarships.

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