

Jump start your path to College & Career!

The Van Buren Middle College program will transform the typical high school experience and help students earn up to a full Associate's Degree for free, while still in high school!



IS EMC A GOOD FIT?

EMC is a great option for students who want to:

- Jumpstart their college or career journey with holistic supports
- Save on future college tuition & fees
- Focus their academic studies within a guided pathway or college major
- Develop power skills like adaptability, initiative, and time management

To enroll in VBMC, students must take part in a formal application process during their 10th grade year - see your HS Counselor to get started.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

VBMC is an **accelerated college program** designed to help a student **complete a high school diploma and up to a full Associate's Degree at the same time** over the course of three years (grades 11, 12, and one additional full time college year).

Through this innovative program, students will be able to **save both time and money** as they get a jump start on their postsecondary pathway, at **no cost** to them!

Is your 10th grade student ready for a challenge? Eager to start college? Ready to earn free college credit? Then **join us and dive in - class is in session!**

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

Integrate high school, college, and industry preparation within a highly supportive environment; VBMC helps students prepare for their next step, whether that's a transfer to 4-year college or jumpstarting a career.

Intentional Support

Transitioning to college can be a jarring experience. VBMC helps prepare students for the next step through strategic supports including orientation, summer boot camp, and program mentoring.

"EMC Mentors are incredibly helpful and vital to the process - they are very kind and give so much time to help each individual student."

Engaging Academics

If your student already knows what career path they'd like to explore, why wait to start preparing? VBMC bridges the gap between the work students do in school, with the work they'll do when they graduate.

"Pursuing EMC 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. VBMC gives students a chance to test the waters sooner, and 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."

MORE INFO

Students who are considering applying to Van Buren Middle College should attend an Info Session for further details. **Info Sessions are for students and a parent/guardian** - come hear more detail about what life in VBMC is all about:

December 15	5:15pm VB Tech Open House 4:30-6:00pm	In-person at VB Tech	VB Tech 250 South St Lawrence MI 49064
January 8	12:00pm	Virtual via Google Meet	meet.google.com/naa-zcxs-msd Phone +1 574-404-7809 PIN: 767 230 318#
January 15	6:00pm	Virtual via Google Meet	meet.google.com/amc-uuxs-crd Phone +1 260-300-0324 PIN: 180 952 074#
January 22	6:00pm	In-person at Van Buren Conference Center	Van Buren Conference Center 490 S Paw Paw St Lawrence MI 49064

APPLY TODAY!

Middle College has a formal application process for admission. All interested students must apply during their 10th grade year. Applications are available in the HS Counseling Office.

Applications are DUE by February 2, 2026

PROGRAM DETAILS

VBMC CTE - Track 1

CTE track students enroll in one of the VB Tech CTE programs during grade 11, for targeted career exploration and hands-on learning & work experience. CTE students then transition into college classes targeted towards a CTE related pathway in grades 12 and 13.

VBMC Liberal Arts/Ged Ed - Track 2

Liberal Arts/Gen Ed track students enroll in cohort college courses that take place at VB Tech in grade 11, these targeted entry-level classes help bridge the gap to college enrollment. Students then transition onto the college campus in grades 12 and 13.

*Track 2 not available to students from all VB school districts - contact Larissa Hunt or see your HS Counselor for more information

VBMC Graduates - Outcomes

Students earn both their high school diploma and one of the following:

- Associate's Degree
- 60 transferable college credits
- A professional certification
- The Michigan Early Middle College Association ([MEMCA](#)) technical certificate

Contact us today to learn more and create your college plan!

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