

# Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College - 2025-2026 Steps for Participation

## Student completes online Early/Middle College (EMC) Application by **March 7, 2025.**

- The EMC application is at <https://emc.swmitech.org>. It will be open from January 20 until March 7, 2025.
- The student's counselor and teachers will receive emails to complete recommendations for the student after the student submits the application.

## Student completes online Career and Technical Education (CTE) Application by **March 7, 2025.**

- The CTE application is at <https://studentapplication.swmitech.org>. CTE application deadlines vary by school.
- Many of the EMC programs of study start with a related CTE course in 11th grade, followed by KVCC courses in 12th and 13th grade/5th year.

## Student completes online Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) Application by **March 14, 2025.**

- The KVCC application is at [www.kvcc.edu/apply](http://www.kvcc.edu/apply). Follow the online directions to create an account and apply.
- Indicate you are a current high school student. For 10<sup>th</sup> graders, indicate your graduation year of 2028 (which is adjusted by 1 year for EMC). Indicate your program of study as Liberal Arts-MTA. To do so, you will select the pathway "English-Humanities-MTA", then select degree "Associate of Arts", and then select the program "Liberal Arts-MTA". Your program of study will be changed later as needed after discussion about your career goals.
- The application includes a math, writing and reading questionnaire that is used for course recommendations.
- Once the application has been submitted the student will receive an acceptance email and a letter in the mail within a week with a KVCC Valley number. Students should keep their Valley number in a safe place for future use.

## Student sets up their KVCC MyValley account and emails KVCC Valley number and course recommendations to [emc@kresa.org](mailto:emc@kresa.org) by **March 21, 2025.**

- Students email [emc@kresa.org](mailto:emc@kresa.org) to confirm they have received their KVCC letter and provide their Valley number.
- Students use the New Account Code (NAC) in their KVCC letter to set up their MyValley account and KVCC email. Students will set up MFA (multi-factor authentication) as part of this process. Students should save their MyValley password for future use. Here is a link to more information: <https://www.kvcc.edu/services/create-myvalley.php>
- After creating the account and getting into MyValley, students will have an email in their KVCC email with their course recommendations based on the questions they answered when they completed the KVCC application.
- Students need to forward their course recommendation email to [emc@kresa.org](mailto:emc@kresa.org). Please put the student's name in the subject line of the email.

## Student completes KVCC Placement Testing (if required) and emails scores to [emc@kresa.org](mailto:emc@kresa.org) by **April 4, 2025.**

- The Accuplacer placement test is only required if students have one of the following:
  - Below a 3.0 overall HS GPA (weighted or unweighted) **OR**
  - Grades of C or below in high school English on your official high school transcript
- If students have a 3.0 overall high school GPA and all grades in high school English are A or B on their transcript, they DO NOT need to complete the Accuplacer assessment. EMC staff will review your high school transcript that is submitted by your Counselor to confirm this information.
- If students are required to complete the Accuplacer assessment, students take the Reading and Writing sections only. Math is not required at this time.
- There are no time limits on the tests, so students can focus on doing their best. Plan to test on a day where you feel well rested and have time to complete the test without rushing. The test takes approximately 2 hours to complete. It is computer based and you will complete it using a computer mouse, screen, and keyboard.
- Students may be able to access the placement testing in their high school. Talk with your high school counseling office to see if this is available in your building.

- Placement testing is available at KVCC in the testing centers. No appointment is needed. Testing is done on a walk-in basis. You can find the hours and additional information at [www.kvcc.edu/services/testing/placement.php](http://www.kvcc.edu/services/testing/placement.php).  
Texas Township Campus - Room 2350, 488-4235, [testcenter@kvcc.edu](mailto:testcenter@kvcc.edu).  
Arcadia Commons Campus - Anna Whitten Hall Room 211, 373-7836, [acctestingcenter@kvcc.edu](mailto:acctestingcenter@kvcc.edu).
  - Students who take the test at KVCC will need to bring the following to the session:
    - Valley ID number (will receive this on your KVCC acceptance letter that comes in the mail)
    - Picture ID (driver's license, school ID, or passport)
  - Be sure to identify yourself as a KRESA Early Middle College applicant and that you need to take the Reading and Writing sections only.
  - After you take the assessment, be sure to collect your score printouts before you leave the Testing Center.
- We encourage students to review practice questions beforehand to learn the format of the questions. Accuplacer information and test taking study guides are available online at:
  - <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>
  - KVCC uses the Next-Generation Accuplacer placement exam. You will need to select this type when using the web-based study app. You should choose the Learn as you Go option before you take the sample test. This will provide immediate feedback after each question is submitted and includes an explanation for the correct response.
- Scores should be scanned and emailed as an attachment to [emc@kresa.org](mailto:emc@kresa.org). Scores should also be given to the High School Counselor. EMC staff will help you to interpret the scores and discuss next steps.

**Student will be notified of their EMC application status in April 2025.**

- EMC and local district staff determine if students qualify to be in the Early/Middle College based on their successful completion of high school graduation requirements and college readiness.

**Student meets with Counselor to discuss EMC plans and create tentative schedule by the end of April 2025.**

- Students should be enrolled in the College Success Strategies course in 10<sup>th</sup> grade at the high school. This is a required course for all EMC students.
- Students should be enrolled in CTE/EFA classes as needed for their EMC Program of Study.
- Students should work with their Counselor to plan out Michigan Merit Curriculum graduation requirements needed for the next school year and put in their related CTE/EFA class and/or placeholders for KVCC dual enrollment classes.

**Student and parents/guardians attend an EMC Orientation on May 29 or June 3, 2025 from 6-8pm.**

- There are two orientation sessions. **10<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents/guardians must attend one of these sessions.**
- If you are applying as a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student, you can wait until 10<sup>th</sup> grade to participate, or you may attend as both a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grader.

**Student meets with EMC staff to confirm CTE and/or KVCC classes by June 6, 2025.**

- Meetings take place at the high school or on Zoom and students will be made aware of their scheduled time.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who will not be taking 10<sup>th</sup> grade CTE or KVCC courses may not have an individual meeting.

**Student attends the EMC Kickoff event on August 12, 2025.**

- **The EMC Kickoff event is mandatory for current 10<sup>th</sup> grade EMC students who will be in 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2025-2026 school year. More details will be provided prior to the event.**
- Students will meet their EMC Coach, hear from older students in the program, get to know students from other schools in their EMC cohort, hear tips for success in the program, and lots more.

**Student begins CTE classes on August 26, 2025 and/or KVCC classes on September 3, 2025.**