



HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES & PROGRAMS

- ▶ Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- ▶ Education for the Arts (EFA)
- ▶ Early / Middle College (EMC)



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Career Connect

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2025-26



Kalamazoo RESA's Career Connect team is leading a new, innovative approach to career development in Kalamazoo County, providing K-12+ learners with a robust continuum of world-class programs and services. From career exploration, to work-based learning, to hands-on training and specialized high school classes, Career Connect helps learners cultivate in-demand skills while gaining a competitive advantage. Read on to explore all the offerings and learn about the new Career Connect Campus, opening to students in fall of 2025. Make this the year you get career connected!

Vision

A community transformed by empowered learners building fulfilling careers.

Mission

To provide learners with transformative experiences, skills, relationships, and resources needed to support lifelong career development.

Career Connect Campus: Opening Fall 2025

Be part of the inaugural class at the Career Connect Campus. Learn from industry experts in a state-of-the-art facility in the center of Kalamazoo County. Cultivate in-demand technical skills tied to well-paying jobs in our community.

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1,258

Industry recognized
Credentials Earned



Students rated their CTE class
as Excellent or Very Good.



Career & Technical Education

Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers a wide range of cutting edge, hands-on career preparation programs to high school students across Kalamazoo County. CTE courses emphasize real-world application and maintain the rigorous requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, as well as state, national, and industry technical standards. CTE students have the opportunity to earn marketable, industry-recognized credentials through their CTE courses.

CTE programs are held at multiple locations across the county: at local high schools, on college campuses and business, and at industry work sites.

CTE Career Connect Campus + Satellite Programs

Be part of the inaugural class!

New in the 2025-2026 school year, students will have the opportunity to participate in programs at the Career Connect Campus (CCC). The inaugural class of students at the CCC will learn from industry experts in a new, state-of-the-art facility opening in August 2025 at 3500 Vanrick Drive in Kalamazoo.

Students additionally have opportunities to participate in classes at satellite locations, including the Kalamazoo Nature Center, Air Zoo, and Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

All satellite locations are noted by the course title.

- **Who can participate?** Classes taught at the CCC and satellite locations are open to students from across the county.
- **What kinds of classes are offered?** A wide range of courses are available across a variety of career pathways. All CCC and satellite programs are aligned to in-demand, well-paying fields in Kalamazoo County.
- **What about transportation?** Transportation will be provided to the CCC and satellite locations.

Skills for Success: All students enrolled in CTE classes at the CCC and satellite locations will also participate in an online course, Skills for Success, as a requirement for CTE enrollment. Skills for Success is an online course that helps students develop critical skills required for success in work and life. By cultivating mastery in the areas of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, personal management, and problem-solving, students will grow their skills and gain a competitive advantage as learners, in the job market, and beyond.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAREER PATHWAY

Do you love nature? Are you curious about plants and animals?

Conservation Biology (held at the Kalamazoo Nature Center)

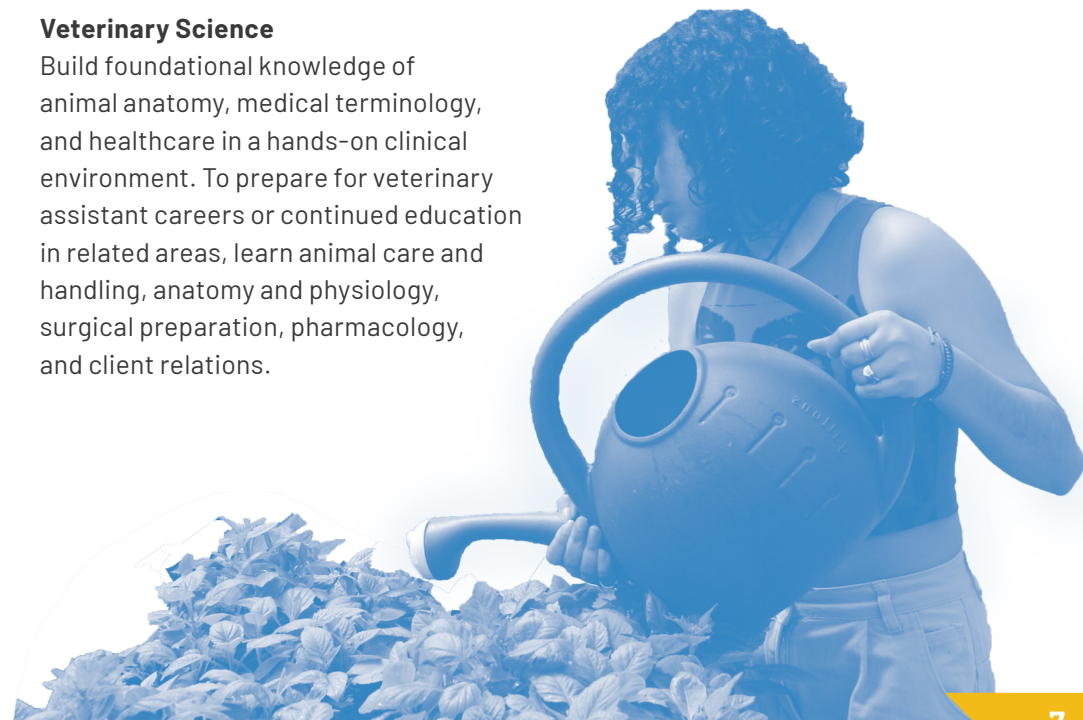
Examine ecological and applied biological science through classroom, lab, and field work outdoors at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Major units of the class include: biodiversity, forestry, climate change, soil, water, wildlife, and human impacts on the natural world. Interact with natural resource conservationists and wildlife biologists to gain the necessary skills for employment in this field.

Horticulture

Engage in every aspect of plant production, from crop selection to final sale. Learn plant biology, taxonomy, soil science, and modern production techniques while building a professional portfolio of work. This program prepares students for continued education or employment in the horticulture industry.

Veterinary Science

Build foundational knowledge of animal anatomy, medical terminology, and healthcare in a hands-on clinical environment. To prepare for veterinary assistant careers or continued education in related areas, learn animal care and handling, anatomy and physiology, surgical preparation, pharmacology, and client relations.



ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES CAREER PATHWAY

Do you enjoy building things? Are you curious about what happens in homes and buildings to make them work?

Construction Trades

Build hands-on skills in the construction industry. Learn hand and power tool use, blueprint reading, design, and basic carpentry skills to support successful careers in residential and commercial construction. This course provides a foundation to pursue a wide variety of construction pathways, including related apprenticeships, residential building, and commercial construction careers.

Electrical Technology

Engage in hands-on electrical installations ranging from residential wiring to commercial building projects. To prepare for apprenticeships and residential, commercial, and industrial electrical careers, the course focuses on electrical theory, electrical code, installation, troubleshooting, sustainable energy, and project management.

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Engage in hands-on layout design, installation, and service of residential and commercial HVAC-R systems. Learn blueprint design and reading, tools and equipment, residential installation, troubleshooting, and project management. This course prepares students for continued learning in related apprenticeships, and careers in residential and commercial sales, service, and maintenance careers.

Plumbing

Gain skills in the design, installation, and maintenance of both residential and commercial plumbing systems. Learn blueprint design and interpretation, foundational tools and equipment, plumbing code, project management, and work with fittings, valves, and fixtures. This course prepares students for plumbing apprenticeships, residential and commercial sales, service, and maintenance careers.

CULINARY ARTS CAREER PATHWAY

Do you like to bake or cook? Are you curious about what it takes to succeed in a professional kitchen?

Culinary Arts

Step into a commercial kitchen setting with hands-on instruction and practical learning. Learn cooking principles, sanitation, food safety, management, and culinary skills. This program prepares students for occupations within the restaurant, baking, and catering industries.

DESIGN CAREER PATHWAY

Do you like to create and innovate? Are you interested in making things work better for people?

Design

Explore various careers in design, develop creative thinking skills, and understand the design process used by professionals. Create projects across multiple design fields, including: graphic design, fashion accessory design, interior and landscape design, product design, and more. Collaborate in design teams, present and discuss work, and build a professional portfolio to prepare for success in a variety of design careers.

"This class has challenged me to be my best self as an artist, go outside my comfort zone and try new things."

— Mariah Crenshaw
Design Student

HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER PATHWAY

Do you enjoy caring for others? Are you interested in exploring a range of possibilities in the healthcare industry?

Dental Assisting (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Acquire the fundamental knowledge and skills of dental anatomy, physiology, terminology, dental materials, chairside assisting, sterilization, radiology, laboratory, and clinical procedures. This course prepares students to work in a dental office as dental assistants.

Emergency Medical Technology (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Get prepared to work in an out-of-hospital setting as an entry level Emergency Medical Technician. Emphasis is placed on mastery of CPR, simple pharmacology for common medical emergencies, patient assessment, bandaging and splinting, and vehicle extrication. The course introduces the clinical component of EMT education which is the minimum level of training required for work on a transporting ambulance.

Medical Laboratory Sciences

Engage in comprehensive training in essential laboratory skills and ethical practices. Understand and implement safety protocols, master the art of drawing blood, gain skills in handling and preparing specimens for analysis, and perform diagnostic tests in a simulated clinical setting. Prepare for successful careers in both medical laboratory settings and phlebotomy.

Patient Care Technician

Explore healthcare communication and terminology, anatomy/physiology, clinical skills, and ethics/confidentiality in a simulated clinical setting. Learn skills ranging from basic patient care to phlebotomy and EKG. Get prepared for patient care technician, nursing, and related healthcare careers.

Pharmacy Technician

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacy technicians within the healthcare system. Dive into a range of topics, including pharmacology, medication management and regulations, anatomy/physiology, prescription processing, personal and workplace safety, healthcare communication and terminology, math skills and hands-on learning to be prepared to enter a pharmacy technician or related pharmaceutical research/development career.

Rehabilitation Therapy

Explore a range of therapy fields, from basic physical therapy to occupational therapy, injury prevention, and rehabilitation, in a hands-on environment mimicking a functioning therapy clinic. To prepare for physical therapy assistant, occupational therapy assistant, athletic training, and related sports medicine careers, learn personal and workplace safety, healthcare communication and terminology, anatomy/physiology, injury care assessment/skills, and rehabilitation.

HUMAN SERVICES CAREER PATHWAY

Are you compassionate and understanding?

Are you motivated to improve the lives of others?

Barbering (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Step into a functioning barber shop and state-of-the-art training facility at Kalamazoo Valley Community College School of Cosmetology and Barbering. Gain skills in hair cutting and facial hair design techniques from master instructors. Prepare for the State of Michigan Barbering License.

Cosmetology (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Learn in a functioning salon and state-of-the-art training facility at Kalamazoo Valley Community College School of Cosmetology and Barbering. Cultivate skills through direct instruction and practice of hair, skin, and nail services. Prepare for the State of Michigan Cosmetology License.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety (held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)

Through a close partnership with local law enforcement agencies and Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC), gain the skills and ethical perspectives needed to become a successful police or fire academy recruit. Develop a foundation for additional careers in criminal justice. Explore topics such as criminal law, patrol procedures, fire ground operations, safety and first aid, ethics, defensive tactics, crime scene investigation, and communication skills.

Educator Academy

Cultivate foundational skills for a successful career in the field of education. Learn the fundamentals of child development, from early childhood through adolescence, and principles of effective teaching through classroom instruction and internships. Work directly with young learners in an educational setting, while preparing for work as a paraprofessional, childcare professionals, or continued education as a teacher.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAREER PATHWAY

Are you interested in computers?

Do you like to solve problems using technology?

Computer Programming

Explore real-world scenarios to gain knowledge of hardware components and software applications, perform installation, identify new IT trends and technologies, and understand device cross-platform development. Learn User Experience (UX), User Interface (UI), and responsive design while preparing for careers in the computer programming field.

Computer Systems-Networking and Telecommunications

Learn to implement and manage high-performance, reliable, and scalable computer networks that connect devices, systems, and users across organizations or even globally. Gain insight into concepts such as performance and reliability, scalability, security, network architecture, network management, collaboration and convergence, standards, and troubleshooting, while preparing for careers in the computer networking field.

Cybersecurity

Engage in real-world scenarios to learn topics and skills related to protecting computer operating systems (Windows, Linux, and macOS), networks, IP addresses, and data from threats. Explore new IT trends and technologies, and demonstrate knowledge of network integrity protection, quality assurance, interpreting documentation, coding, cryptographic protocols, and security to prepare for careers in the cybersecurity field.

MANUFACTURING CAREER PATHWAY

Do you enjoy using tools and gadgets?

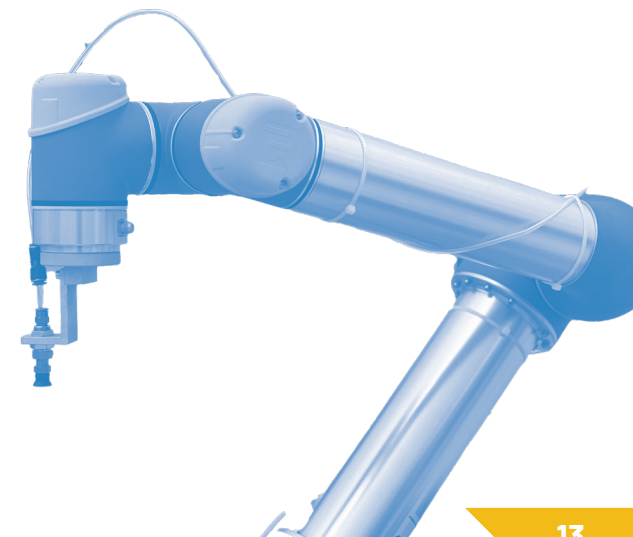
Are you curious about the way things work?

Machine Tool

Get immersed in machine tool technologies, from basic to advanced. Learn the stages of manufacturing from idea to fabrication, including the use of CAD/CAM software, mills, lathes, and other industry related equipment. Build a solid foundation of manufacturing skills, including metalworking theory, problem solving, design, measurement, and quality inspection, to prepare for machining and engineering careers.

Mechatronics: Robotics and Automation

Dive deep into the use of robotics for processes that combine mechanical, electrical, computer, and automation technologies. Build a solid foundation of skills including electrical theory, robotics, CAD/CAM, hydraulics/pneumatics, and project management to prepare for machining and engineering careers.



Supply Chain

Explore the flow of materials from raw material to finished product and delivery to customers. This foundational course introduces key concepts such as global supply chains, warehouse location, contingency planning, and in-sourcing and out-sourcing decisions. Learn how professionals optimize resources and establish physical networks, while gaining real-world experience by operating the Career Connect Campus warehouse.

Welding

Get immersed in hands-on welding processes using professional equipment, applying various techniques to design and fabricate professional-grade metalwork. Gain expertise in safety, metalworking theory, welding techniques/tools, cutting/torches, automation, and quality inspection.

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS CAREER PATHWAY

Are you interested in cars and diesel equipment?

Do you like to fix things?

Automotive Technology

Engage in hands-on learning in a simulated model of a fully functioning auto service center. To prepare for occupations within the rapidly evolving auto service industry, learn safety, engine repair, automatic transmission and transaxle, manual drive train and axles, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical/electronic systems, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, engine performance, and foundational tasks of auto maintenance and repair.

Aviation Technology (held at the Air Zoo)

Develop an understanding of the aviation industry, including airplane evolution, commercial aviation, flight operations and regulations, weather, airspace, navigation, and more. Interact with industry experts and visit leaders in the field of aviation while cultivating skills with drone technologies.

Heavy Equipment Maintenance

Engage in hands-on training in the maintenance, repair, and operation of off-road diesel equipment, in partnership with AIS Construction Equipment. Explore heavy machinery used in construction, trucking, agriculture, and material handling industries. Learn engine systems, hydraulic systems, powertrain systems, electrical systems, and maintenance fundamentals. Work with industry-standard equipment and tools, and gain valuable practical experience and prepare for careers as heavy equipment technicians, diesel mechanics, construction equipment operators, and agricultural equipment mechanics.

CTE Local High School Programs

Many local high schools offer CTE classes for students in their buildings. Peruse the offerings and check in with your local district to discover options available at your school.

Accounting

Investigate the field of accounting and how it is shaped by industry standards as well as economic, technological, social, legal and ethical factors. Engage in the process of recording, classifying, analyzing and communicating financial information.

Agriscience: Animals and Plants

Gain exposure to biology, animal anatomy, physiology, animal health, and reproduction. Study plant classification, cell structure, plant nutrition and soils, as well as plant relationships to people.

Banking

Gain knowledge in customer service, personal finance, budgeting, investment planning and business financial management. Cultivate in-demand skills in Microsoft Excel and Intuit Quickbooks.

Business Management

Utilize software applications to complete business projects and share ideas. Learn to solve business problems that occur in the business environment. Develop your skills in the Microsoft Office Suite, including Excel, Powerpoint, and Word. Cultivate communication skills for business and entrepreneurial environments.

Engineering in Wood Technology

Design and construct with wood using the basic techniques of woodworking and cabinetmaking through training with laser engraving and 3D printing technology, as well as traditional hand tools. Develop leadership skills in a hands-on, project-based setting.

Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Strengthen an understanding of advertising, sales, merchandising, economics and marketing in the global economy. Practice techniques used by businesses to influence consumers to purchase products and services. Develop communication skills valued in business and entrepreneurial settings, while learning the Microsoft Office Suite.

“It feels a little unreal being a business owner at 20 years old, but I’m making it happen. I’m just glad that I was blessed with the mindset and opportunity to create and run a business.”

— Andre Lockett

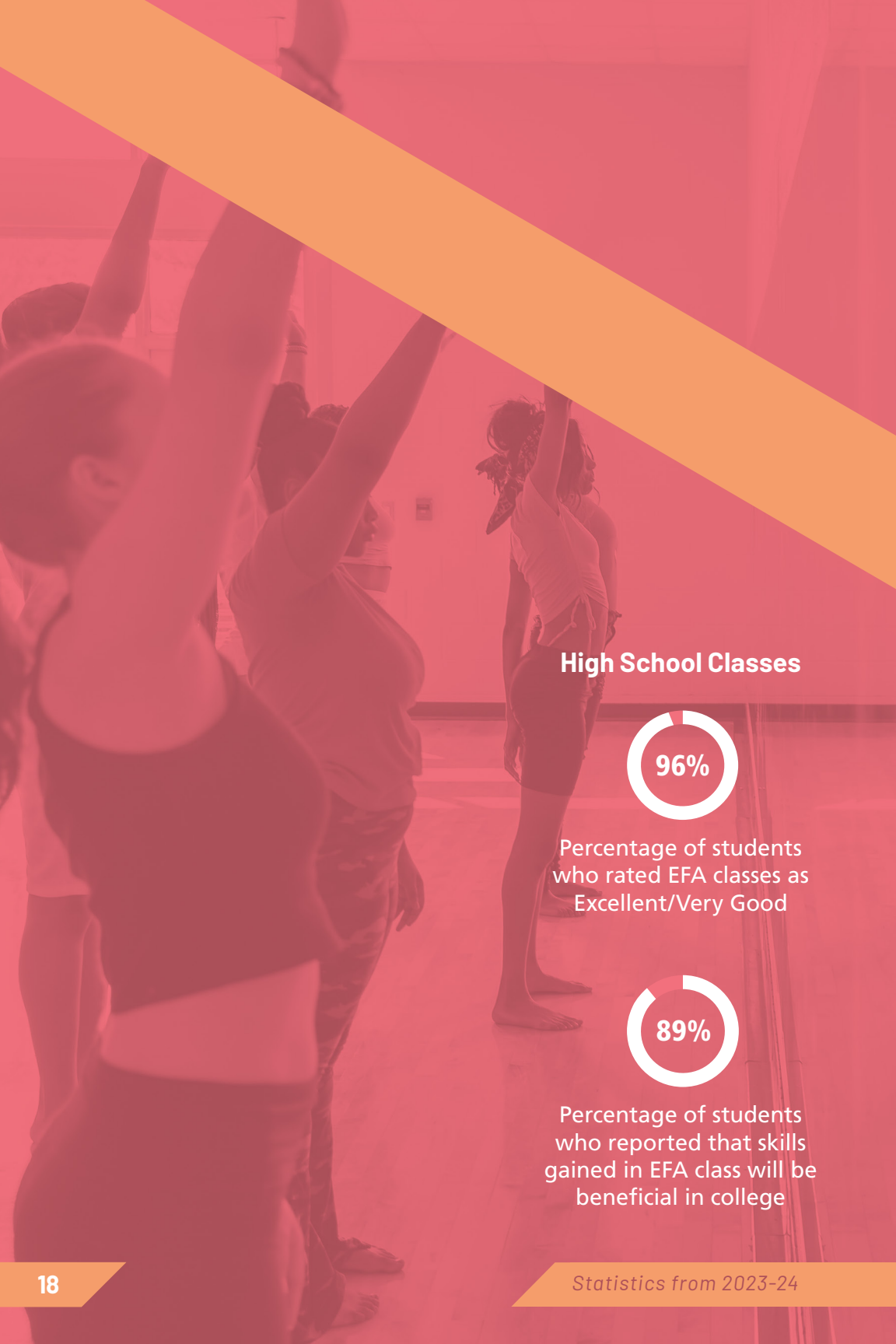
CTE Barbering Program Graduate



CTE WORK-BASED LEARNING

An experience for 11th and 12th grade students who have successfully completed at least a trimester or semester of a CTE course, students can earn credit and receive a grade while they learn through a paid or unpaid related work experience at an approved employer.





High School Classes



Percentage of students who rated EFA classes as Excellent/Very Good



Percentage of students who reported that skills gained in EFA class will be beneficial in college

Statistics from 2023-24



Education for the Arts

Education for the Arts (EFA) enhances art education for all K-12 students through artist residencies, student scholarships, grants, visual exhibits, professional development opportunities, high school arts classes and performances by professional artists.

All classes are yearlong, Monday-Friday unless otherwise noted.

MEDIA ARTS DUAL-ENROLLED PROGRAM

KVCC Media Arts

Create artworks using computers and learn how art communicates emotions and ideas. Projects include digital photograph manipulation, art for the Internet, stereo 3D images, digital painting, and combining traditional media with new technologies.

DANCE

Beginning Dance Studio

Trimester / Semester Based

Learn the basic elements and discipline of formal dance technique, exploring classical modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, and cultural dance styles. Exploration of dance-related subjects will include movement improvisation, composition, and dance history. Students gain performance skills, learn how to choreograph their own dances, and are required to participate in an EFA dance concert at the end of each term. They will have the opportunity to take field trips to see live dance concerts and attend master classes. Students will work with professional dance educators and guest artists.

Intermediate Dance Studio

Intermediate Dance is for students who have completed a beginning EFA class, have previous dance/movement experience and are committed to a full year of dance instruction. Students will further their training through in-depth instruction and structured small group student exploration in formal dance technique, classical modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip hop, and cultural dance styles. Exploration of dance-related subjects will include movement improvisation, composition, and dance history. Students will gain performance, composition, and choreographic skills and develop observation, analysis, critical thinking, and reflection skills. Students will prepare and produce a dance presentation each trimester. The class will take field trips to professional dance concerts and work with master guest artists.

World Dance

Trimester / Semester Based

Students will learn about the origins and history of Dance from around the world. This class will explore the cultural and historical context of many indigenous dances from across the globe through media and readings. Students will experience kinesthetically authentic dance forms and their influence on contemporary dance.

LITERARY ARTS

Creative Writing Online: Web-Based

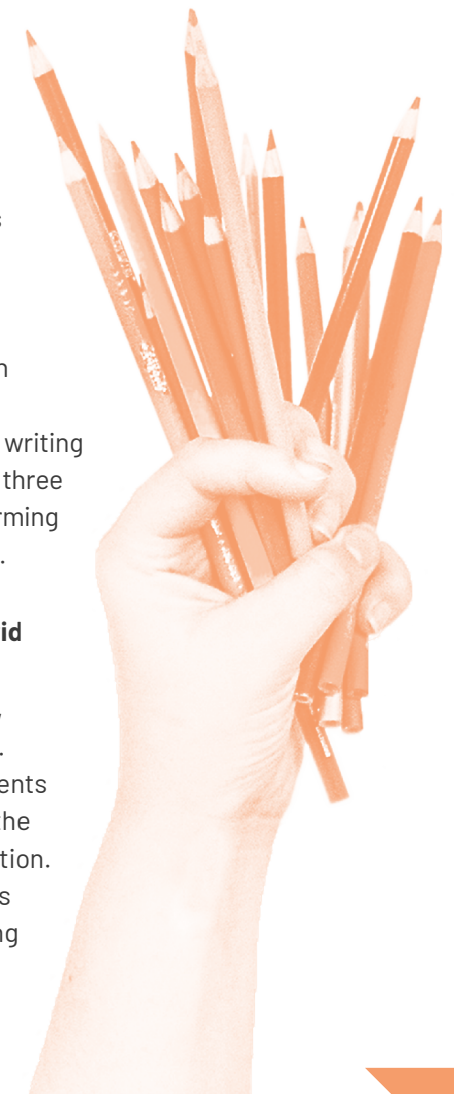
Trimester / Semester Based

Through studying written works in various forms and the regular practice of writing, students will better understand the creative writing process. Students will also collaborate on a few projects and read and critique one another's work through small group workshops (held through discussion forums). Students will turn in four major creative writing assignments, regular creative writing exercises, three short reflections, a recording of a student performing one of their assignments, and an online portfolio.

Comics, Manga, and Graphic Novel Arts: Hybrid

Trimester / Semester Based

Learn to write and produce compelling, artistic, inventive comics or manga, and Graphic Novels. Research the history of comics, study the elements of story, plot, and character development, and the productive use of imagery, layout, and composition. Work individually and collaboratively on projects and develop projects by manipulating and editing found media and open-source graphics.



MEDIA ARTS

Film and Video Arts

Film and video arts introduces students to the creation and study of time-based media in video and film. Students work with the latest digital technology to create a variety of works that help them mold and define their own personal visual style for innovative, artistic communication.

Advanced Video Arts Studio

Advanced Video Arts Studio (AVAS) is a project-based video class for students who have already taken EFA Film Video Arts. The class concentrates on individual student films that will be used for portfolio work and entered into video competitions. Students learn about lighting, sound, directing, and advanced filming and editing techniques.

3D Computer Animation

Introduction to the technical and creative fundamentals of 3D Animation software. Students learn core concepts such as modeling, mapping, storyboard/scripting, and rendering. Students create original characters and environment designs and animate characters in landscapes.



Creative Game Design

This project-focused course will teach students the fundamentals of game design. Through practice and study students learn about the powerful stories that can be told through in-person, real-time games. Students create board games, card games, role-playing games, and video games, and explore adjacent forms of interactive media. Students develop storytelling and graphic design skills while gaining a greater understanding of fun and the nature of play.

Multimedia Storytelling

Learn how to tell true stories with real impact by creating podcasts, documentaries, and news segments. Students have hands-on experience with recording interviews, capturing footage, and editing while exploring the power of journalism and documentaries to share real-world issues and unique perspectives. By the end of the course, you create original projects to show off—perfect for anyone ready to create content that makes a difference!

Digital Photo Art (Hybrid: Web-based and In-Person)

1st Semester only

This class will introduce, enhance, and refine students' ability to express themselves with the aid of digital cameras. Students will learn proper photographic techniques, computer enhancement of photos, printing, and professional presentation techniques. Students will have many assignments ranging from core photography fundamentals to immersive pieces of personal expression. They will leave class with the beginnings of a portfolio and knowledge to continue and expand their work in the future.

Digital Studio Art (Hybrid: Web-based and In-Person)

2nd Semester only

This class introduces the basics of drawing and painting using digital means, as well as the basics of digital imaging using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. The course is built around the core elements of visual art, such as line, shape, value, and color, with an additional emphasis on learning and using imaging software tools.

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts Exploration

Explore creating sculpture, photography, jewelry, painting, and more at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Work alongside practicing professional artists as they share their art-making knowledge and expertise.

Advanced Visual Arts Studio

Deepen your creativity and visual arts skills at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Take advantage of the professional facilities, equipment, and master guest artists. This studio class offers advanced study in sculpture, oil painting, jewelry, photography, welding, printmaking, ceramics, and more. Develop a Visual Arts Portfolio and learn presentation skills to apply for college scholarships and student art shows.

THEATRE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Musical Theatre

Using a workshop approach, students will experience an in-depth study of musical theatre to enhance their appreciation of the genre and improve their practical performance skills in acting, vocal, and dance performance. Mentored by theatre, vocal, and dance educators and guest artists, students will explore, perform, and critique various aspects of musical theatre from the past to the present. Emphasis will be placed on creative and innovative approaches to performing works.

Theatre Improv and Scriptwriting

Through in-depth study and practice, students will learn the basics of improvisation, writing, directing, and acting for the stage, as well as integrating images and music into their theatrical performances. Students work with practicing artists exploring different forms of theatre, from classical to contemporary. These experiences will inform the development of each student's distinct writing style. Students will participate in at least two class performances and visit area theatres to experience a variety of stage productions.

Hip Hop 180: Loy Norrix Only, Trimester Based

Activate your voice and amplify your vision through the power of performance rap/poetry, music, and movement. Dig into the history of Hip Hop culture and social justice leadership to build skills, decipher contexts, and determine truths. Then merge your artistic and activist knowledge and techniques to enact meaningful, positive social change in y(our) community.

“Attending EFA was the best decision I made in high school.”

— Chelsea Graham

Communications Officer, UN World Food Program, Rome, Italy





276

Students enrolled countywide



2,500

Credits earned by students

Statistics from 2023-24



Early / Middle College

The Early/Middle College (EMC) program is an opportunity for students to earn an associate's degree or certificate along with their high school diploma. Students will be able to save both time and money as they pursue a college degree and access support services designed to enhance their success as they work towards achieving their educational goals.

How does EMC work?

Students are enrolled in a focused program of study at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Students have an additional 13th year of high school for program completion. The local school district pays the tuition and fees up to an allocated amount.

The EMC program is structured so that students gradually increase their exposure to college courses over a five-year span:

- Initially (9th/10th grades), the bulk of the student schedule will be comprised of traditional high school classes.
- As the student progresses through their educational plan, they will be engaged in more and more college courses.
- By the time they reach 13th grade (or 5th year), all of their coursework will be through Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

What additional supports are available to students to help them succeed in EMC?

Students who participate in EMC receive support services to assist them in their transition from high school to college:

- All EMC students take a College Success Strategies Course in 10th grade to enhance their academic preparation, study skills development, and social maturity skills.
- All EMC students have a coach that they meet with regularly to discuss challenges, celebrate successes, and make plans to support successful program completion.

What programs are available?

For specific options within each program, please refer to the EMC website at www.kresa.org/emc



PROGRAMS

Degrees in Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

AAS degrees are occupational in orientation and are designed to prepare graduates for immediate employment. They require successful completion of a minimum of 62 credit hours.

Certificates (CERT)

Certificate programs prepare graduates for a specialized occupation. They require the successful completion of 30 credits hours or more.

Certificates of Achievement (COA)

Certificate of Achievement programs require fewer courses than a regular certificate program providing training in a specific set of skills for employment in a specific occupation. They require successful completion of more than 3 but less than 30 hours of credit.

Transfer Degrees in Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS)

AA or AS degrees are for students planning to transfer to a four-year university. They require successful completion of a minimum of 62 credit hours.

The application packet and other information can be found on the Kalamazoo County EMC website at www.kresa.org/emc

"It has given me confidence to follow my dreams. I used to be unsure of myself, but I know where I am headed now."

— EMC Student



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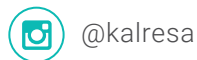
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To learn more about Career Connect and how to enroll in these programs, visit our website at kresa.org/careerconnect.

You can also follow us on social media to stay updated on the latest news and events.

Career Connect is a program of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), which serves nine local school districts in Kalamazoo County. KRESA exists to transform lives by inspiring educational excellence. We provide a continuum of educational services and support to students, families, school districts and communities.

WAYS TO CONNECT



CAREER CONNECT A NEW VISION FOR EDUCATION

KRESA Career Connect is a continuum of career education programs that empowers the next generation of learners to explore career pathways and develop real-world skills. Whether students are interested in arts, automotive, technology, health, business, or anything in between, Career Connect has something to offer.

Career Connect offers a variety of classroom-based and out-of-school programs designed to support academic preparation and help young people achieve their career goals. Learners can start their career exploration journeys as early as kindergarten and continue until they graduate from high school and into young adulthood.

CAREER CONNECT'S PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ▶ **Career Awareness & Exploration (CAE)**
Programs, tools, and experiences that help you learn about yourself and potential career pathways including Xello
- ▶ **Work-Based Learning (WBL)**
Gain on-the-job experience and career skills in a mutually beneficial employer partnership
- ▶ **Career & Technical Education (CTE)**
Hands-on career preparation courses that develop professional skills and offer industry experience.
- ▶ **Education for the Arts (EFA)**
Arts exploration for students of all ages, with hands-on arts classes at the high school level
- ▶ **Early/Middle College (EMC)**
Dual-enrollment with KVCC to simultaneously complete a high school diploma and an associate's degree.
- ▶ **Career Coaching**
Career pathway planning services including academic enrichment, workforce readiness, and social skills development
- ▶ **MyCITY**
Seasonal youth employment program that serves as the gateway to paid internship and work experience
- ▶ **CareerNOW**
Paid career preparation program in healthcare and skilled trades with connection to short-term training, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities
- ▶ **2Gen**
Paid summer career exploration and pathway planning program for Kalamazoo families



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