



Stephenson Area Public Schools

W526 Division Street – P.O. Box 509

Stephenson, Michigan 49887

Phone 906-753-2222

"Eagles Lead with Excellence"

March 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Stephenson High School is proud to announce the launch of the Early Middle College Program for the fall of 2020. Students who will be in grades 9, 10, or 11 next fall may apply for this program. I will be meeting with all high school students over the next few weeks to sign up for fall classes for next year, so please discuss this important option with your students.

As shared in some of our parent informational meetings last year, Stephenson High School will be offering an effective and exciting way for students to earn either a career/vocational certificate or substantial college credit up to an Associate's Degree while still in high school, with the SAPS district paying for all tuition. Through this program, students will be able to save both time and money as they get a head start on their postsecondary careers. In addition, we have developed a committed support team, including our local Career/College Advisor – Tarra Bougeios, Bay College Dual Enrollment Coordinator – Ashley Rogers, and a Stephenson High School teacher who will serve as a mentor to each group of students enrolled in the program (will meet with them on a regular basis).

The EMC program is structured so that students gradually increase their exposure to college courses. Students can apply into the program from the beginning of high school until September of the Junior year; no late applications will be accepted. A student's individual Program of Study will determine his/her classes throughout the high school years. This Program of Study will eventually result in students being part-time on the high school campus and on the Bay de Noc Community College Campus through their fifth year.

Students will be able to participate in the graduation ceremony at the end of their senior year and hold any scholarships earned until they complete their full program in year five. In addition, students will continue to have access to their traditional high school support system, along with the student support services available through the college. If a student changes his/her mind during their senior year, they may then decide to opt out; however, it is required to have enrolled in the program by September of their junior year.

We are excited to help you start your path to success! Please feel free to email me or call the high school office (x100) if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Grille".

Peggy Grille

K-12 Principal

pgrille@stephenson.k12.mi.us

(906)753-2221, x.123



Stephenson High School

Early Middle College Student Application

Please Print
(To be completed by Student & Parent or Guardian)

Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth	Student Cell Phone
-----------	------------	----	---------------	--------------------

Are you an SHS student?	If No, List your Current School	Current Grade Level
-------------------------	---------------------------------	---------------------

Student email	PROGRAM OF STUDY*
---------------	-------------------

Mother's or Guardian Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone
---------------------------	------------	------------

Father's or Guardian Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone
---------------------------	------------	------------

Home Address	Parent/Guardian Email Address
--------------	-------------------------------

* If a student is pursuing an Association of Arts/Science Transfer Program, list the university

I understand that my participation in my child's education will help determine his/her likelihood of success in the program. Therefore, I agree to be accessible and readily available to the school to discuss my child's progress and development. I understand that acceptance into the Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College requires a commitment through the fifth year (grade 13), including:

- Fulfilling the 5th year math requirement and receipt of high school diploma after the completion of the 5th year.
- I also understand that attendance and full participation in all program activities is vital to my child's success. These activities will include dual enrollment at Bay de Noc Community College.
- I also understand that acceptance into the program is a privilege, and my child must adhere to the Campus Standards set by the College in order to remain enrolled.
- Failure to meet those standards may result in his/her dismissal from the Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College program.
- Students are required to reimburse Stephenson Area Public Schools if they fail or withdraw from dual enrollment/college class(es).
- **By signing this form, I authorize Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College to access my child's EDP as well as other pertinent high school records.**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



Stephenson High School

Early Middle College Contract

(To be completed by Student & Parent or Guardian)

We, as participants in the Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College program, signify that we understand and agree to the terms and conditions listed below by initialing each statement and signing full name at the end of this contract.

Terms and/or Conditions:	Student Initials	Parent Initials
We understand that the Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College program is an early college program for eligible high school students.		
We understand that enrollment in the Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College program involves being enrolled in high school for a total of five years. We understand that Early/Middle College students can complete their high school diploma along with significant college credit (up to an Associate's Degree or Career Certificate). We understand that Early/Middle College students will not be eligible for high school diploma until completion of their 5th year.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students will take an approved math course for high school/college in their 5th year; and we understand that Early/Middle College students must meet college level math requirements and complete at least one college level math course by the end of the 5th year.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students must attend and pass all required high school classes and all program approved college courses. We understand that college classes that are not passed at a 'C' or better will not be transferable to a four-year university.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students are not eligible for graduation after their 12th grade year and must complete their last high school graduation requirement along with their last year math in the 5th year.		
We understand that the cost of college tuition, books, and required materials will be paid for by the student's individual school district but not to exceed the state aid allotment. We understand that if the student does not successfully complete a course or does not receive college credit, the district may ask for reimbursement of all costs associated with course.		
We understand that all textbooks are property of the local high school and must be returned to the individual school district at the end of each semester. No refunds will be given for any damaged or lost textbooks.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students are responsible to enroll and register in pre-approved college courses each semester that follow their program of study.		
We understand that some college courses will be offered on a traditional college campus with other students of varying ages and that are not a part of the Early/Middle College program. We understand that some of the college content within these courses may include content that is not typically taught at the high school level.		

Terms and/or Conditions - <i>continued</i>	Student Initials	Parent Initials
We, as participants in the Stephenson High School 5th Year Early/Middle College program, signify that we understand and agree to the terms and conditions listed below by initialing each statement and signing full name at the end of this contract.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students will be considered enrollees of their high school district and that they are subject to laws, policies, and graduation requirements of individual school district until the completion of their 5th year.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students are subject to academic and disciplinary standards and policies established by the individual handbooks of their local school district, the Menominee High School 5th Year Early/Middle College as well as the college.		
We understand that transportation to and from the college and other required program events will be the responsibility of the students and their parents/guardians (<i>unless pre-arranged by the district.</i>)		
We understand that Early/Middle College students may be photographed and/or filmed for educational and/or marketing purposes while participating in the program. As a parent of an Early/Middle College I am giving permission for the use of any photo or video of my student for purposes as stated above.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students will be advised each semester for college class selection by the Early/Middle College Consultant, High School counselor and college advisor. As a parent of an Early/Middle College student I am giving permission for my student to be enrolled in these courses specific to their program of study without my written signature. We understand that students have access to view their schedule through the college student access portal at any time. Class changes can be made up until the first day the class meets at the beginning of each semester. Any changes made after this day will incur a fee which the Early/Middle College student/parent may be asked to reimburse to the local school district.		
We understand that Early/Middle College students that fail to comply with the Early/Middle College contract may be dismissed from the program and that this dismissal may result in the student not graduating with either their 5th Year Early/Middle College cohort or their original high school graduating class. This could mean failure to earn a high school diploma.		

 Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

 Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date