

Our Mission & Vision

The Early College Allegan County's mission is to provide students from Allegan, Hopkins, Fennville, Martin, Otsego, Plainwell, and Wayland an opportunity to complete an Associate's of Arts & Sciences or an Associate's of Business tuition free.

Students are then ready to complete a Bachelor's Degree at a University or ready to enter directly into the workforce with a Business degree.

Our Vision is that all students have **convenient access to affordable**, relevant, postsecondary education empowering them to be successful adults and community members.

What is Early College of Allegan County?

Also known as ECAC is a 3-year program that allows students to complete high school requirements and earn up to **62 transferrable college credits** through our college partner, **Lake Michigan College (LMC)**.

All students accepted into the program enroll in college coursework during grade 11. They choose one program of study. This determines the courses in which they enroll.

The Arts & Science Associate's which is a general transfer degree that is equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree.

The Associate's of Business provides students with a background in areas such as finance, marketing, sales, customer service, and professional communication.

ECAC is a Supportive Environment



1. Summer Success Course
2. Mentoring
3. Tutoring
4. Career Exploration
5. College Field Trips
6. College Applications
7. Build relationships with college instructors
8. Build supportive relationships with fellow classmates throughout Allegan County
9. Free transportation from high school to Tech Center
10. Endless support from ECAC, family, LMC, and local districts!

"I joined the ECAC program because I wanted to experience college classes beyond what high school can offer. This program gives students a chance to experience some of the fun and stressful aspects of college."

-Nathaniel Borling, Class of 2022

Getting Started

10th Grade-

Complete Application process and applicant will be notified in April if they have been selected.

College Summer Success Bootcamp-5 days spread throughout Summer before 11th grade.

11th Grade-9 college credits/semester

Take college classes ½ day taught by Lake Michigan College instructors and ½ day at your high school. Participation in extra-curricular activities is allowed.

12th Grade-10 credits & 9 credits/semester

Take college classes ½ day taught by Lake Michigan College instructors and ½ day at your high school. Participate in "Senior" activities and commencement. (Student has not yet graduated so student can attend 13th year)

13th Grade-Full time student with 12-15 credits/semester

Students must take one class required for their high school diploma, either Math or Economics.

May-Commencement Lake Michigan College!!

