

## Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College (EMC)

To: Kalamazoo County EMC Participating School Districts: Climax-Scotts Community Schools, Comstock Public Schools, Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, Gull Lake Community Schools, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Parchment School District, Portage Public Schools, Schoolcraft Community Schools, Vicksburg Community Schools

From: Lisa Bartell, Kalamazoo County EMC Coordinator

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RE: Updated Language for Graduation Requirements of Kalamazoo County EMC students

Previously, students were required to have a “hold-back;” a Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) required course that they removed from their 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedules that they would wait to take in their 5<sup>th</sup> year (13<sup>th</sup> grade). As Early College programs have grown statewide, more clarification has been provided and more districts are moving toward removing the “hold-back” and utilizing local board-approved requirements for graduation in order to avoid punitive consequences for students who may need to withdraw from the Early College program.

MMC Mathematics Requirement: Each pupil must successfully complete at least one Mathematics course during his or her final year of high school enrollment.

MMC Mathematics FAQ #5: Early middle college students must take a mathematics or math-related course in their 5<sup>th</sup> year.

<u>Current Practice (Cohorts 1-3)</u>	<u>Proposed Changes (beginning with Cohort 4)</u>
<p><i>ending with students completing Gr. 13 in June 2020</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● graduation audit for high school diploma is based on the graduation requirements of the diploma granting school which includes MMC</li> <li>● MMC high school requirement is “held back” and taken in the 5<sup>th</sup> year (grade 13)</li> <li>● students must successfully complete at least one math or math-related course in the 5<sup>th</sup> year (grade 13)</li> </ul>	<p><i>beginning with students completing Gr. 13 in June 2021 (current sophomores)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● graduation audit for high school diploma is based on the graduation requirements of the diploma granting school which includes MMC</li> <li>● students must successfully complete at least one math or math-related course in the 5<sup>th</sup> year (grade 13)</li> </ul> <p><i>Math course can be from college or high school in final year. Local school district has discretion for approval of Math course.</i></p>