



Parent Guide

Congratulations on being the parent of a college student!

We look forward to helping your child discover his or her future. This will be an exciting and challenging period. Along with being challenging, we want this college experience to be rewarding and enjoyable as well. There are a number of resources available to help make this a successful experience. There will be support from BAISD staff, staff members from your local school district, and staff members of the postsecondary institution. All of us will work together to help your child succeed, and we look forward to sharing this journey with you.

As a parent of a student in the BAISD EDGE program, there are policies, procedures and resources available to you to assist both you and your student. This document is meant to introduce you to some pertinent information. It is not meant to be inclusive of all of the policies and procedures imposed by your student's high school, the BAISD EDGE program, and/or the postsecondary institution. Your student is strongly encouraged to read the schools' relevant handbooks prior to beginning the program.

FERPA

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational needs. They can be found on the college's website as well as in the policies of the local school district. The BAISD EDGE Early Middle College program will follow all of the appropriate FERPA laws as they pertain to student privacy.

Athletics & Activities

Student athletes are eligible to participate in high school athletics during grades 9-12. Under the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), students are not eligible to participate in high school athletics during the 13th grade. Students are not eligible to participate in collegiate athletics during grades 11, 12 or 13. Although Early Middle College students are not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic programs at the college, they are encouraged to join clubs and engage in the activities provided by the college.

Students who are interested in participating in athletics at the collegiate level need to research how their dual enrollment/EMC classes impact their eligibility. Students athletes are encouraged to work with their EMC Counselor, local high school counselor, communicate with the colleges that they are interested in attending, and visit www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future for more information.

Tuition

The local school district will approve the courses and fees it will pay once your student has met with both the student's local high school counselor and a BAISD EDGE academic counselor or coordinator after developing an academic plan. Any change in courses during a semester will require the approval of BAISD EDGE staff in conjunction with the local high school counselor. Students that fail or walk away from a course may be held liable for tuition and related fees for said course.

Textbooks, Materials & Supplies

Most of the districts in our BAISD EDGE Early Middle College program will use a reimbursement process for textbooks and required materials for Early Middle College students up to an allocated amount, but not to exceed the state aid allotment. The allocated amount includes tuition, fees, books and required materials. Students purchase textbooks and required materials at the beginning of a course. If students would like reimbursement, they turn in the receipts along with the textbooks and required materials after the class is successfully completed. Reimbursement only occurs if money remains in the students' allocated amount not to exceed the state aid allotment, and the student passes the course. No refunds will be given for any damaged or lost textbooks or required materials, or for those textbooks and required materials students wish to keep. The textbooks and required materials will become the property of the school district upon reimbursement.



Please check with your High School Counselor about your district's policy and any paperwork that needs to be completed for reimbursement or purchase. If this reimbursement or purchase process is not feasible for you due to financial constraints, please speak with your local school district counselor.

Academic Freedom

Freedom of ideas, content, and expression are the foundations of college courses. While a student at BAISD EDGE, or any college/university, students could be exposed to topics and content, some of which may be adult in nature, which could be drastically different from their current world view. We believe this open information format is vital in creating a well-rounded student who will become an informed citizen of the world.

Closing of School

Weather: Students should follow local TV and radio stations for college or high school closures. If your high school is closed, it does NOT mean that the college campus is necessarily closed. It is the student's responsibility to assure that they are attending school/college classes if it is open.

Conflicting High School Schedule: If your High School is not in session for any reason (teacher in-service, ½ day for conferences, etc.) college courses still run and your student will be expected to be in class. Buses may not run on these days so you may need to find alternate transportation.

College Schedule: College courses will follow the academic calendar from the college. The college follows a different schedule/calendar than that of your high school. Spring break weeks are different, and students are discouraged from missing college courses during the local school district spring break. Your student will need to make arrangements in advance with each instructor if absent.

Classroom Expectations

Attendance requirements are determined by the college course instructor. At the beginning of each course, the instructor will provide students with written attendance requirements as part of the class assignment schedule. Pay close attention to these requirements as they may differ from attendance policies of the local high school, and may differ from instructor to instructor. Early Middle College students are subject to academic and disciplinary standards and policies established by the individual handbooks of their local school district, the BAISD EDGE Early Middle College, as well as the college. Failure to follow attendance and behavior requirements may negatively affect a student's grade and may result in removal from the BAISD EDGE program.

College instructors will only communicate with your student. Students should check their college email account daily for important messages from their instructors. Consequently, it is the student's responsibility to consult with the instructor regarding assignments, tests, and grades. As a parent of a student in the BAISD EDGE program, there are some policies, procedures, and resources in place to assist you and your student, but the student will need to advocate for himself/herself as part of the process.

This document is meant to introduce you to these guidelines. It is not meant to be inclusive of all of the policies and procedures imposed by your student's high school, the BAISD EDGE program, or the postsecondary institution. BAISD EDGE Early Middle College students will be considered enrollees of their high school district and they are subject to laws, policies, and graduation requirements of the individual school district until the completion of their 5th year.

Michigan Transfer Agreement

Questions about the transferability of credits should be made to the potential receiving institution or addressed to the BAISD EDGE counselor.