

Are **YOU** brave enough to take the road less traveled?

Monroe County
Middle College



EXPLORE YOUR PATH

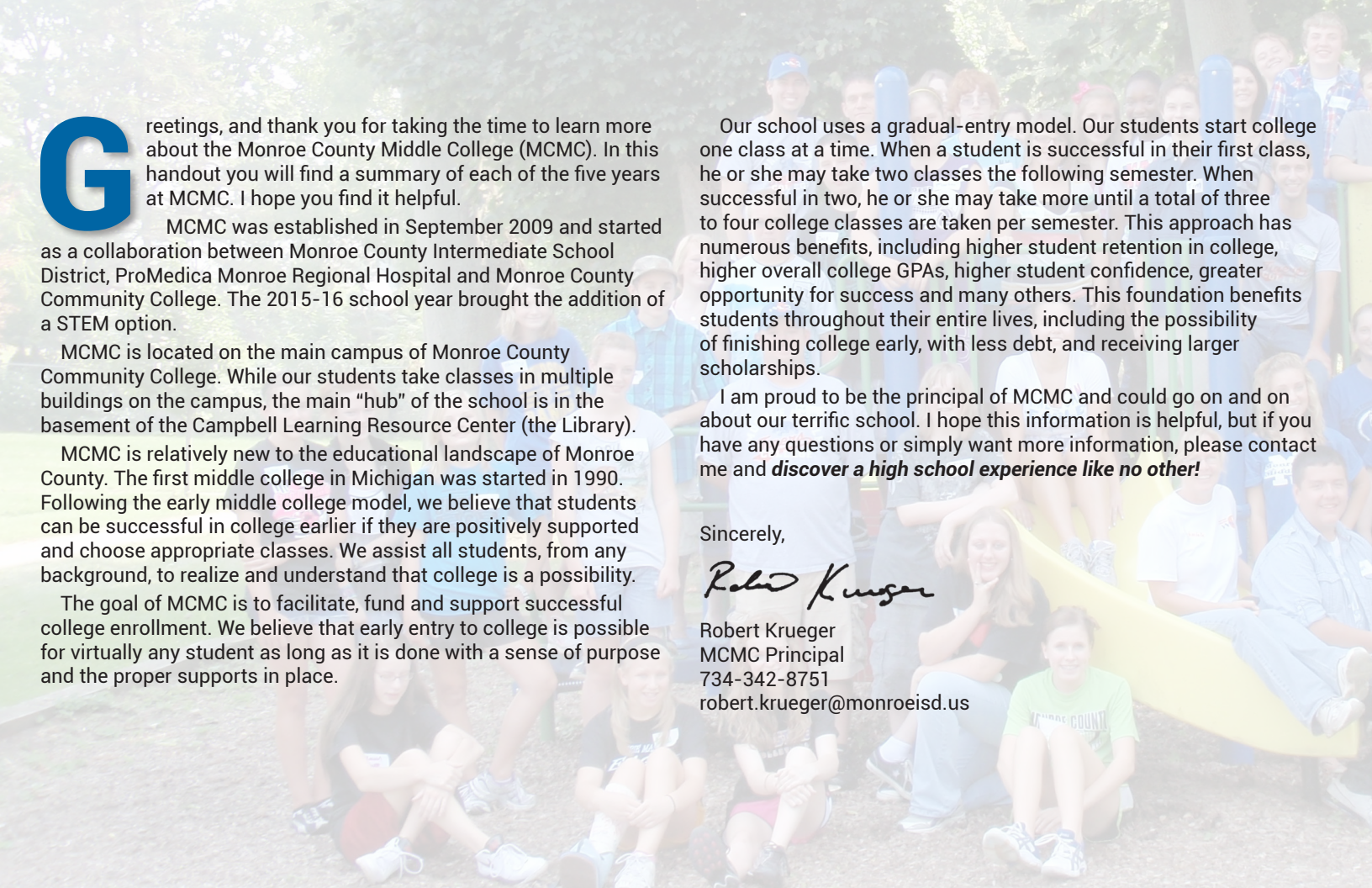
The Monroe County Middle College

Offering Health Field and STEM Career Paths

DISCOVER A HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER!

DISCOVER a high school experience like no other!





Greetings, and thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Monroe County Middle College (MCMC). In this handout you will find a summary of each of the five years at MCMC. I hope you find it helpful.

MCMC was established in September 2009 and started as a collaboration between Monroe County Intermediate School District, ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital and Monroe County Community College. The 2015-16 school year brought the addition of a STEM option.

MCMC is located on the main campus of Monroe County Community College. While our students take classes in multiple buildings on the campus, the main "hub" of the school is in the basement of the Campbell Learning Resource Center (the Library).

MCMC is relatively new to the educational landscape of Monroe County. The first middle college in Michigan was started in 1990. Following the early middle college model, we believe that students can be successful in college earlier if they are positively supported and choose appropriate classes. We assist all students, from any background, to realize and understand that college is a possibility.

The goal of MCMC is to facilitate, fund and support successful college enrollment. We believe that early entry to college is possible for virtually any student as long as it is done with a sense of purpose and the proper supports in place.

Our school uses a gradual-entry model. Our students start college one class at a time. When a student is successful in their first class, he or she may take two classes the following semester. When successful in two, he or she may take more until a total of three to four college classes are taken per semester. This approach has numerous benefits, including higher student retention in college, higher overall college GPAs, higher student confidence, greater opportunity for success and many others. This foundation benefits students throughout their entire lives, including the possibility of finishing college early, with less debt, and receiving larger scholarships.

I am proud to be the principal of MCMC and could go on and on about our terrific school. I hope this information is helpful, but if you have any questions or simply want more information, please contact me and ***discover a high school experience like no other!***

Sincerely,



Robert Krueger
MCMC Principal
734-342-8751
robert.krueger@monroeisd.us

Monroe County
Middle College



MYCHOICE | 1
MYCOMMITMENT



Monroe County Middle College
Operated by the Monroe County ISD
On the campus of MCCC
1555 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe, MI 48161
734-342-8751

SCHOOL PROFILE: 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- **Total enrollment 328:** 199 female 54%, 152 male, 46%
- Average number of credits for is 59 credits per graduate
- Free and reduced lunch rate is approximately 35%
- Since 2018, the average percentage of students to earn an associate degree or equivalent is 85%
- 88% of students pass college classes with a C or higher
- More than 30,000 dual enrollment credits successfully earned at a C or higher
- Average College GPA of 3.10
- MCMC is a **U.S. News & World Report** Recipient for "Best High School in Michigan" for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, and "Best High School National Rankings" in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

*Our goal is to assist all students, from
any background, to realize and understand
that college is a possibility.*

“YOUR FIRST YEAR WILL BE THE
START OF A HUGE TRANSITION.
YOU WILL BE AT A DIFFERENT
LOCATION ... ALWAYS REMEMBER,
YOU ARE HERE FOR A REASON.”

MCMC STUDENT

How is MCMC different?

To start, you are on a college campus. That is a **MAJOR** difference.

You will have the chance to have lots of fun in your classes and at school-wide events. However, while on a college campus, MCMC students are expected to act like mature college students. It is very likely that as you walk in the hallway you are near college professors, employees, or the college president! It is also different because not everyone moves at the same time. In a traditional high school the bell rings, it gets crazy loud for four or five minutes, and then quiet again but while moving from class to class at MCMC, you will likely pass by college classes still in session.

Ninth grade is all about learning to handle transitions, developing **STRONG** study skills, and being very organized. The best part is every person at MCMC is here to help you with anything you need.

It's okay to be nervous... just know that the first week is "Welcome Week!" Anything you need, just let one of your MCMC family members know!

Also, many students have expressed that the first year is one of the most complicated transitions of the MCMC experience. You have decided to try something different and some of your friends may not understand the change. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** You just happen to be brave enough to take the road less traveled.



9th Grade: YEAR ONE

NINTH GRADE AT MCMC IS SIMILAR TO A TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN MANY WAYS.

Ninth grade classes are taught by Middle College teachers. There are no college professors—yet! Another similarity is that there are six periods in a day. All classes are one hour long with the exception of Focus, which is 45 minutes.

9TH GRADE COURSES



- English 9
- Geometry
- World History
- Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology or STEM
- Focus

Each of these classes, with the exception of Focus, meets a high school requirement for graduation.

FRESHMAN PERSPECTIVE



Some advice from fellow MCMC students include:

"Being a Freshman was one of the most nerve-racking things I have ever experienced. Just everything all together: new people, a college campus, and new teachers. But I really liked a lot of my classes and LOVED my teachers. My day was usually full of laughter."

MY CHOICE | 3
MY COMMITMENT

“ BEING IN THIS SCHOOL HAS GIVEN ME MANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE EXPERIENCED IF I HAD GONE TO A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL. ”

MCMC STUDENT



MCMC FEATURES

- Small school setting
- All Middle College instruction by highly qualified, Michigan certified teachers
- Dual enrollment classes are taken at MCCC and taught by MCCC staff members or adjunct professors



“YOUR TEACHERS WILL
PROVIDE YOU WITH
EXCEPTIONAL COLLEGE
EXPERIENCES. YOU
CAN FEEL CONFIDENT
ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.”

10th Grade: YEAR TWO

WELCOME BACK! ALL THOSE NERVES YOU HAD LAST YEAR ARE GONE AND YOU ARE AN EXPERT BY NOW, RIGHT?

TENTH GRADE AT MCMC IS GREAT!

You have most likely been here for a year already and are back for year two. Tenth grade is the year that most students start their college experience. This is a major step in your educational experience and one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Just think, most of your friends will not be starting college for another two and a half years!

10TH GRADE COURSES

- English 10
- US History
- Chemistry
- Medical Terminology
- Math (either Algebra 1 or Algebra 2)
- STEM 2
- STEM 10
- Focus

All classes are one hour long with the exception of Focus which is 45 minutes. In ninth grade, you experienced a transition from middle school to high school... In 10th grade, **we kick it up a notch** and help you transition to college.

We will help you pick out a college class, complete Accuplacer testing, and much more so you will be ready for college in January of your 10th grade year.

A piece of advice from Mr. Krueger: ***If you are unsure about taking a college class...WAIT! Delaying college by one semester is not a big deal.*** We would much rather have you wait a semester, gain some confidence and skills, and begin college in 11th grade. There is plenty of time built into our school curriculum to receive 60 college credits. At MCMC we focus on **quality over quantity**. This means we would rather have a student achieve success with 45 credits at a 3.5 GPA versus 60 credits at a 2.5.

MYCHOICE | 5
MYCOMMITMENT

“

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CLASSES IS THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING INDEPENDENTLY. YOUR MIDDLE COLLEGE TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU—EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF THE PACE!

”





Welcome to year three!

11TH GRADE AT MCMC
MIGHT BE THE TOUGHEST
YEAR, BUT DON'T WORRY,
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

11th Grade: YEAR THREE

THIS YEAR YOU MAKE THE TRANSITION TO BEING A HALF-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT AND HALF-TIME MCMC STUDENT.

In 9th and 10th grade, you were mostly “high school” students. This year you will make a big transition to college. Some of you will have two college classes, others will have three. Remember, we consider many things when it comes to taking college classes. This is **SERIOUS** business and we want you to have a great experience.

11TH GRADE COURSES

- English 11
- Civics (first semester)
- Economics (second semester)
- Algebra 2 (if still needed)
- Some students may have Introduction to Statistics and/or Personal Finance

THAT MIGHT NOT SOUND LIKE A LOT BUT YOU ARE ALSO TAKING AT LEAST TWO COLLEGE CLASSES.

Instead of going to Focus every day, you will have an MCMC staff member dedicated to you every step of the way. This includes individual scheduling, help if college concerns arise, and much more.



“ I REMEMBER HOW NERVOUS I WAS ON MY FIRST DAY SO I CAN'T REALLY SAY THAT YOU WON'T BE SCARED. I THINK THAT MCMC IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT HAPPENED FOR ME. ONCE EVERYTHING IS IN A ROUTINE, YOU'LL BE MORE THAN FINE!

MCMC STUDENT

”



“ACT MATURE EVEN WHEN OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ACTING IMMATURE... IT REALLY MAKES OUR SCHOOL SHINE.”

MCMC STUDENT



12th Grade: YEAR FOUR

In year four, you've made the transition to primarily being a college student. With this transition comes greater responsibility. This year you will take at least three, maybe even four college classes each semester and you may have only one or two MCMC classes.

12TH GRADE COURSES

- Focus 12 and Career Planning and Development (All students)
- Introduction to Statistics and Personal Finance (Some students)

YOU NEED TO BE FULLY ENGAGED THIS YEAR.

Some students get “senioritis” but you have to dig deep and continue to do your best!

Welcome to year four!

13th Grade: YEAR FIVE

Welcome back to year five, your fifth and final year. Congratulations!

At this point, you are likely taking three or four, maybe even five, college classes each semester. Remember, there is a TON OF SUPPORT for you to be successful, so please seek it out!

Your high school requirements this year will be to successfully complete a math experience and an elective college class for high school credit.

This is a busy year with preparing to graduate and planning for your next step. There will be a lot of work as it relates to college admissions, financial aid, etc.

At this point in your life, you have become a self-directed young adult. ***Congratulations, be proud of yourself!***

MONROE COUNTY Intermediate School District

Board of Education

- Dale DeSloover, President
- Renee Larzelere, Vice President
- Paul Miller, Secretary
- Russell Bless, Trustee
- Dr. Barry Martin, Trustee

Central Office Administration

- Stephen J. McNew, Ed.D.
Superintendent
- Rachel Kopke, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent
Special Education
& Early Childhood Services
- Lisa Montrieff
Assistant Superintendent
Curriculum & Instruction
- Joshua P. Dyer, C.P.A., M.B.A.
Assistant Superintendent
Business & Administrative Services
- Eric Feldman, J.D.
Assistant Superintendent
Human Resources & Legal Services

MCMC Administration

- Robert Krueger
Principal
- Megan Sexton
Assistant Principal

MCMC Faculty & Staff

Teachers

- Nicole Belair
- Brandi Gedelian
- Nicholas Hemwell
- Amanda Himes
- Michael Miller
- Nathaniel Mills
- Ashley Powers
- Jennifer Riegler
- Lisa Sellers
- Eric Swank

Counselor

- Michele Jenkins, Counselor



Monroe County Middle College
Operated by the Monroe County ISD
On the campus of MCCC
1555 S. Raisinville Rd. • Monroe, MI 48161
734-342-8751

Monroe County Middle College

is a collaboration between the Monroe County Intermediate School District, Monroe County Community College, ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital, and the nine local public school districts.



The Monroe County Intermediate School District does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, height, weight, familial status, or marital status in its programs, activities or in employment. The following person has been determined to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Eric Feldman, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Legal Counsel, 1101 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe Michigan 48161; Telephone: 734.322.2640.