



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: This program sounds too good to be true. Is it for real?

A: Yes, it sounds too good to be true, but it is true! As a matter of fact, over 100 similar programs are already being offered throughout Michigan. BAISD is proud to partner with Delta College and Davenport University to bring this innovative opportunity to Arenac and Bay Counties.

Q: How many college credits can be earned through the BAISD EDGE Early College program?

A: The number of credits a student can earn depends on several factors. Students are expected to earn at least 15, but it is possible to earn up to 60 transferable college credits!

Q: Can students in Early College play high school sports?

A: Yes! Students may participate in high school sports through their 12th grade year subject to the same eligibility requirements as all other students and if scheduling permits.

Q: Do BAISD EDGE students graduate with their senior class?

A: Students participate in their senior year activities and 12th grade commencement along with their class. However, their diploma is given after their fifth year where they complete one final high school class, meeting the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirement to have a math or math-related class in the final year of high school.

Q: Who pays for tuition, fees and books for the BAISD EDGE courses?

A: Each local school district covers all tuition, fees and textbook costs for students enrolled in BAISD EDGE. Students can graduate from high school and college debt free!

Q: Do students follow the local district schedule or the college schedule?

A: Both. Classes at the local high school and Career Center will follow the same schedule and calendar as the rest of the district, while college classes will follow the college schedule and calendar. It is important to note that there will be differences in the start and end dates, as well as some vacation dates.

Q: What about transportation?

A: Families may be responsible for providing transportation.

Q: Will students have to take night classes?

A: It is likely that students will need to take one or more of their college classes outside the traditional high school day schedule, so families should be prepared for this.



Q: Are the college classes specially tailored for high school students?

A: Early College students will be in regular college classes open to all college students. Discussions, assignments and research requirements will be at the discretion of the college instructor and may include adult or controversial subjects.

Q: What support is available for high school students as they navigate the world of college?

A: Students in the BAISD EDGE Early College cohort will have access to their local high school counselors, college academic advisors, as well as the BAISD EDGE Coordinator and BAISD EDGE counselor. Also, there are required orientations to help prepare students to be successful and support them on this journey.

Q: Does the BAISD EDGE program follow the Michigan Merit Curriculum?

A: Yes. Students complete all of the requirements established by each local school district to meet the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum in order to receive a high school diploma.

Q: How can I learn more?

A: Contact Doug Trombley, BAISD EDGE Coordinator, at trombleyd@baisd.net or 989-460-9106 Ext. 6280, or speak with your local high school or Career Center counselor.