

Dual Enrollment in Michigan

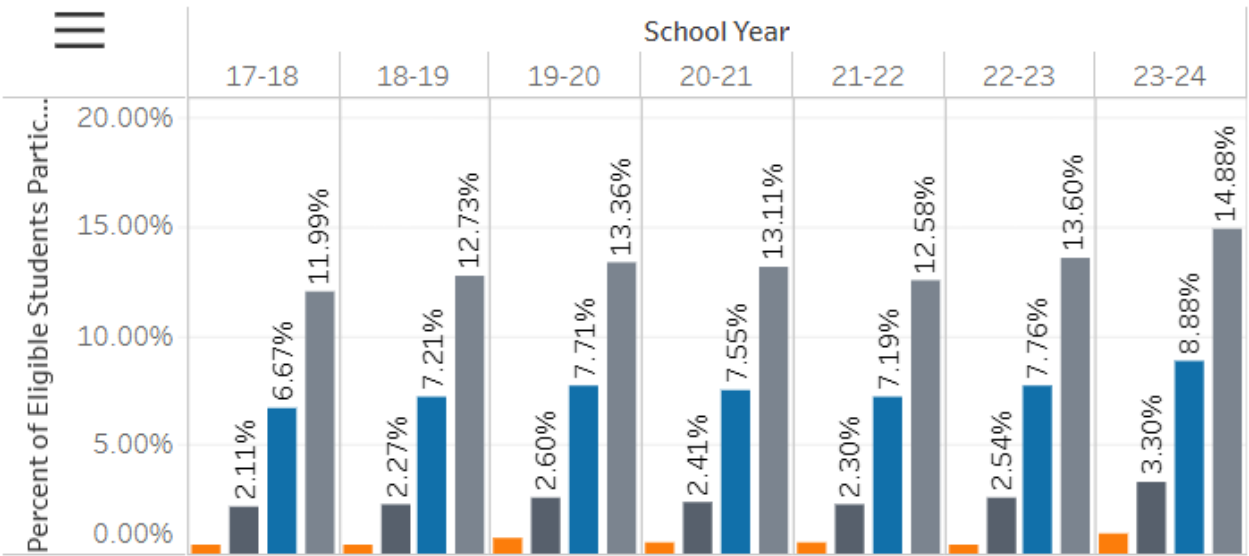
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In Michigan, dual enrollment is authorized under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act (1996 PA 160) and the Career and Technical Preparation Act (2000 PA 258). Students (grades 9-12) are permitted to take college courses, earning both high school and college credit with tuition covered by their home school district. Students must be enrolled in at least one high school class, meet eligibility requirements, and secure counselor approval. School districts pay for tuition, fees, and books up to a certain amount, making it free or low cost for families. Dual enrollment classes are generally open to 11th and 12th graders, though underclassmen may qualify. Some colleges and universities require minimum college aptitude as measured by scores on the PSAT, ACT, or Michigan Merit Exam for college classes in English and Mathematics. Credits earned often count toward the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). Students may earn up to 30 transferable credits. Grades earned in dual enrollment become part of the student's permanent college transcript.

Last year, Michigan established a Dual Enrollment Task Force (authorized under Sec. 706 of 2025 PA 22) in order to advance the Sixty by 30 goal of increasing the number of working age adults with a postsecondary degree or certificate to 60% by the year 2030. The task force supports the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP)' Office of Higher Education. The task force's purview includes recommending new alignment standards, updated transferability policies, and statutory changes and incentives to remove barriers and expand opportunities for students. The task force will issue its final report to the Governor and the Michigan Legislature by September 30, 2026, at which point the group will dissolve.

The [Michigan Community College Association Statewide Dual Enrollment Dashboard](#), dual enrollment participation varies greatly by county, rising to just over 50% in the best case scenario. Statewide over 90% of the students who participate earn credit. Through 2024, participation in twelfth grade dwarfed participation prior to senior year, with nearly 1 out of every six Michigan students pursuing dual credit opportunities.

Dual Enrollment Participation by Grade Level



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