

### Application instructions:

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Students from anywhere in Oakland County, regardless of current school district, may apply to Oakland Early College. OEC is operated by award-winning West Bloomfield Public Schools, in partnership with Oakland Community College. The school resides on the campus of Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge.

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To apply:

Applications must be handwritten by the student, except for the required essay question. Parent/Guardian signature is required on the last page. Completed applications should include:

- *A completed copy of the application form;*
- *Two (2) official transcripts (in a sealed envelope) from your previous school;*

- *An updated immunization record, copy of birth certificate, copy of social security card, and proof of residency in Oakland County;*
- *Two recommendation forms (included) completed by faculty, staff or counselors at your current school. (If you'd prefer, you may choose to have one of these recommendations completed by a community member or coach who is not a relative);*
- *A copy of your ACT, PACT, SAT or PSAT scores if you have taken them;*
- *A copy of your discipline profile and attendance profile from your current school;*
- *Signed parent and student agreements.*

Students will be asked to participate in a sit-down interview with OEC/OCC faculty.

Student may be required to take language arts and mathematics placement assessments. The purpose of these assessments is to measure the likelihood of student success in a university setting, as well as determine appropriate class placement.

Following interviews and application evaluations, students will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance into Oakland Early College. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, until filled. For the 2008-2009 school year, OEC will admit 60 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 60 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Completed applications should be returned to:

**Dr. Kendra Hearn**  
**Administrative and Community Services Building**  
**5810 Commerce Road**  
**West Bloomfield, MI 48324**



**STUDENT INFORMATION**

|                              |  |                         |  |                  |                           |                         |  |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Last name                    |  | First name              |  | Middle Name      | Birthdate<br>(XX/XX/XXXX) | Entering grade SY 08-09 |  |
| Address                      |  | Street                  |  | City             |                           | Zip Code                |  |
| Home Phone                   |  | Cell Phone              |  | Email address    |                           |                         |  |
| Current School Name          |  | School Address & Street |  | City             |                           | Phone                   |  |
| Current School District Name |  |                         |  | Counselor's Name |                           |                         |  |

**PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' INFORMATION**

| <i>Parent or Guardian #1</i>          |            |            | <i>Parent or Guardian #2</i>          |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Last name                             |            |            | Last Name                             |            |            |
| First name                            |            |            | First Name                            |            |            |
| Address (if different than student's) |            |            | Address (if different than student's) |            |            |
| Street                                |            |            | Street                                |            |            |
| City                                  |            |            | City                                  |            |            |
| Zip Code                              |            |            | Zip Code                              |            |            |
| Home Phone                            | Cell Phone | Work Phone | Home Phone                            | Cell Phone | Work Phone |
| E-mail address                        |            |            | E-mail address                        |            |            |
| Legal custody? YES NO                 |            |            | Legal custody? YES NO                 |            |            |

**SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

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|---|---|---|
| Cumulative GPA (please provide a copy of your most recent official academic transcript):                        | GPA for most recent semester (please provide a copy of your most recent official academic transcript):  | Do you have an EDP (Educational Development Plan)?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><br>If yes, what pathway does it identify?  |
| Do you have an IDP (Individualized Development Plan)? If so, please provide a copy from your previous district. | Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Suspended <input type="checkbox"/> Expelled <input type="checkbox"/> Neither<br><br>If so, please explain the circumstances (please provide a copy of your student file): | Have you taken any other dual enrollment courses or participated in summer or after school enrichment programs?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><br>If so, please identify the coursework: |

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Please respond to all questions on a separate sheet of paper. Responses should be handwritten unless otherwise noted. Please keep responses to about a paragraph unless otherwise noted.

1. Why do you want to attend Oakland Early College? Why do you think it's a "good fit" for you?
2. Tell us about your previous schooling experience. What's been positive about it, and what hasn't?
3. What's your greatest strength?
4. What do you need to help you grow as a person and a learner?
5. Tell us about a time you had a disagreement or conflict with a teacher or another student. What happened, and how did you address the issue?



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## Student/Parent Agreements

### Parent Agreement:

*I understand that my participation in my child's education will help determine his or her likelihood of success in this program. Therefore, I agree to be involved in the school, in helping make shared decisions, in special enrichment programs, and in recreational activities. I agree to be accessible and readily available to the school to discuss my child's progress and development. I recognize that acceptance at Oakland Early College requires a commitment through grade 13. I also understand that attendance and full participation in all programmatic activities is vital to my student's success.*

*I understand that acceptance into this school is a privilege and that my child must maintain the school standards in order to remain enrolled. Failure to meet standards may result in dismissal.*

Parent Signature:

Date:

### Student Agreement:

*The Oakland Early College offers a rigorous academic curriculum, including up to 60 undergraduate credits or an Associate Degree from Oakland Community College. Participation will require me to demonstrate a high level of commitment, maturity and responsibility. I understand that I will take responsibility for my own success, and strive to achieve it.*

*I understand that participation in this program requires my full commitment if I want to achieve my full potential.*

Student Signature:

Date:



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## Student Recommendation

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| TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:   |                      |                          |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Student name  | Student phone number | Current school and grade |
| Waiver (optional): I hereby waive my right of access to the material recorded below. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |                      |                          |
| Student signature   | / /                  |                          |
|   | Date                 |                          |

| TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RESPONDENT:  |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Respondent name   | Respondent phone number  | Respondent email address |
| How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?  |  |                          |
| Respondent signature  | / /  |                          |
|   | Date   |                          |
| Indicate your judgment of this applicant as compared to other students you have worked with before: |  |                          |
| Motivation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career) |                          |
| Self-confidence   | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career) |                          |
| Judgment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career) |                          |
| Maturity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career) |                          |
| Responsibility  | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)  |                          |

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|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career)  |
| Ability to work with others   | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career) |
| Intellectual curiosity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Average or below<br><input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (top 10%)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding (top few in my career) |
| Please provide a sentence or two describing your general impression and evaluation of this student: |  |
| In your opinion, why would this student be a good candidate for Oakland Early College?              |  |
| Additional comments may be provided here:   |  |

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Students at OEC are encouraged select areas of academic focus, and to work towards Associate Degrees in areas of study including:

- Liberal Arts;
- Fine and Performing Arts; and
- Business and Entrepreneurship.

OEC isn't a traditional high school. It's also not an "alternative high school," at least not how people usually talk about alternative education. OEC's goal is to reinvent school to meet the needs of Oakland County high school students as part of their K-16 pathway, while giving students a head start on college. Small class sizes, dual enrollment opportunities, and innovative educational experiences are what we're about. We believe all students can learn, and we expect success--for all students.

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