Dearborn Public Schools
Partnership Program With
Henry Ford College

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Collegiate Academy
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Five –110
Five Years 1 - Diploma 1 - Degree 0 - Cost

ninth grade to associate's degree in only five years
The Henry Ford Collegiate Academy is a unique program started in the fall of 2013 through a partnership between the Dearborn Public Schools and Henry Ford College.

The Collegiate Academy is an opportunity for students to attain both a high school diploma and a two-year associate’s degree in five years at no cost to the student or parent.

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements to enroll in the Academy:

- Attend the Dearborn Public Schools during 10th grade
- Achieve the required scores on the PLAN Test given in the spring of 10th grade (see chart below)
- Be on track for on-time graduation

Students across the state take the ACT test as part of the Michigan Merit Exam. Scores on the test help determine college acceptance and indicate if a student is likely to have success in college.

The PLAN Test is the 10th grade version of the ACT. Students take the Explore Test in 9th grade. Scores achieved on Explore can be used to predict PLAN and ACT scores helping parents and students determine areas in need of improvement.

### ACT Series of Test & Benchmark Scores Used to Determine College Readiness

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- Interacting with the instructor,
- And more!

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Students spend all of their time at the college during the 13th year. Students can schedule college classes on Saturday, later in the day, or even on-line.

The guidance counselor works directly with the Collegiate Academy students to help ensure their success in the program. The advisor oversees students’ progress and is available to help overcome difficulties they may encounter at the college. The advisor also meets with students in a group setting to address issues common to first and second-year college students and connect them with career counseling, academic advising, and university transfer.

### Five-110 Numbers to Remember

- Five–Years to Complete Program (9th grade to associate’s degree)
- 1–High School Diploma Earned
- 1–Associate’s Degree Earned
- 0–Cost to Parents

### On The Right Path

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