



## Program Information for Families 2016-2017

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1. SOCEC is a 3-year program. Students will be taking both high school and college classes all three years. However, during the last year their final high school requirement (most likely 4<sup>th</sup> year math) will be taken online.
2. College classes do not take place every day at the same time like high school classes. Some classes may be in the evening, early morning, or online.
3. All of the tuition, fees, books and required supply costs will be covered. Transportation to MCC, and on-campus food costs will need to be covered by the student/family. Computers are available on-site for students to use at MCC and at their high school building. SOCEC does not provide this equipment for home use.
4. Some students may be in band, choir or another class that is important to them. They are free to build their schedules around these high school classes. Students may contact their high school counselor with their request, and they will work with the counselors at MCC and early college staff, for all of their college scheduling the first year.
5. SOCEC students are free to take advantage of all high school and college activities. This means that during grades 11 and 12, they can participate in high school sports, attend dances and participate in any other extra-curricular activity. During the last year in this program (grade 13) they may not participate in high school sports, and additionally, because they will not have a high school diploma, they will only be allowed to play inter-mural sports at MCC.
6. SOCEC students will be able to walk at the high school graduation ceremony with their classmates. They may have a high school graduation open house/celebration, etc. However, their high school diploma will be issued to them at the end of their 13<sup>th</sup> year along with their Associate's Degree or MEMCA certificate.
7. Students cannot "drop out" early from the SOCEC program – the three year commitment must be fulfilled in order to receive HS diploma and associate's degree.
8. Applications for the program will be due on March 1st, 2016. Prior to completing the applications students should pass the Compass placement test. Additional information regarding this test can be obtained from your high school counselor or the Early College Dean.

**If you have questions please call Melissa Bultema, Dean – South Ottawa County Early College at 616-862-3220 or by email [mbultema@oaisd.org](mailto:mbultema@oaisd.org)**