

## KENOWA HILLS MIDDLE COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WITH DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY

### Overview

[Kenowa Hills High School](#) and [Davenport University](#) have partnered to offer students an opportunity to earn a free Associate's Degree. Tuition for the program is paid by Kenowa Hills Public Schools. The program is eligible beginning the student's junior year. Students who participate in the Middle College Program take a course schedule that blends high school courses with Davenport University courses. Students continue this relationship for their 12th and 13th years of schooling. During the junior year, classes are completed at Kenowa Hills High Schools with collegiate classes taught by Davenport University instructors. Classes in the senior and 13<sup>th</sup> year will be taken at the main campus of Davenport University. Upon completion of their 13th year, students will have earned an Associate's Degree in addition to their high school diploma. Degrees in Business, Technology, and Health are available to students through the Middle College Program.

The Middle College application process takes place during second semester of a student's sophomore year. Current sophomores and parents interested in obtaining more information about the Kenowa Hills Middle College can contact Kenowa Hills High School Principal, Katharine Pennington, at [kpennington@khps.org](mailto:kpennington@khps.org) or by calling (616) 784-2400.

### Current Enrollment

Cohort 1 (13<sup>th</sup> year KHHS Seniors & Graduating April 26, 2015 from DU)  
15 students

- 7 - Associates of Business Administration
- 7 - Associates of Medical Assisting
- 1 - Associates of Network Technology

Cohort 2 (currently KHHS Seniors)  
22 total students

- 9 - Business
- 13 - Health
- 0 - Technology

Cohort 3 (currently KHHS Juniors)  
10 total students

- 5 - Business
- 4 - Health
- 1 - Technology

## **Additional Information**

Visit [KHHS Middle College](#) for additional information, including sample student schedules for each field of study, the Middle College Handbook and the application to be considered for this opportunity.

## **Student Quotes**

"For the past three years, Middle College has impacted me in a way I had never considered. Taking a blended schedule of high school and college classes simultaneously has challenged, driven, and progressed me more than many students the same age. I am incredibly confident in the interpersonal, professional, and medical skills that I have gained in this period of time. I have also discovered possibilities for future careers with no college debt." (Allison Polkowski, 2015 Graduate from DU College of Health)

"The Middle College Program sounded almost too good to be true. At the time [sophomore year], I wasn't even thinking about what college I wanted to go to, or even know what I wanted to do with my life. Davenport is an amazing school with awesome students and staff. The Middle College Program has been such a blessing in my life. I now know what I want to do with my life and got such an amazing head start. It makes me feel so proud of myself for deciding to take advantage of this program. Not only am I getting a degree, but I am getting a career. It also has given me a chance at a paid internship where I can move up in a company. I couldn't be more excited!" (Lexi Dengate, 2015 Graduate from DU College of Technology)

"The Middle College Program has created friendships that I believe will now last a lifetime. People I thought I would never talk to, are now my closest friends today. It's good to have support, and help along the way when work becomes challenging." (Elijah Stinson, 2015 Graduate from DU College of Business)

## **Kenowa Hills Middle College In the News**

[District estimates \\$512K savings for first graduates of 'Middle College'](#) (April 14, 2015)

[West Michigan students close to receiving high school diploma and college degree at same time](#) (Sept 25, 2014)

[West Michigan's inaugural class of Middle College students prepare for their diploma and a degree](#) (June 20, 2014)

[Kenowa Hills first Middle College students preparing for year 13](#) (May 12, 2014)

[Kenowa Students Add College to High School Schedule](#) (July 9, 2013)

[Davenport, GRCC prepare for second year with high schoolers in tuition-free Middle College program](#) (May 20, 2013)

[Kenowa High School students finish first Davenport University class, seeking diploma and associate's degree](#) (Aug 25, 2012)

[Kenowa Hills High School student attend Middle College](#) (Aug 24, 2012)

[Kenowa Hills Middle College students set to begin earning credits through Davenport University](#) (Aug 9, 2012)

[GRCC and Wyoming schools sign deal allowing students to earn diploma and degree](#) (March 26, 2012)

[Kenowa Hills students can earn associate's degrees in high school with new Davenport University partnership](#) (March 15, 2012)

[Kenowa Hills to offer juniors chance at free associate's degree through Middle College program](#) (March 16, 2012)

[Kenowa Hills students can earn associate's degrees in high school with new Davenport University partnership](#) (March 15, 2012)