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## **Advising Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) eligible**

### **Early Middle College (EMC) Students**

Below are some important things to consider when advising EMC students who also qualify for TIP. If you have specific questions not answered by the information below, please contact: [ssg@michigan.gov](mailto:ssg@michigan.gov)

- EMC/TIP eligible students should still apply for their TIP funds before the end of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year regardless of the fact that they will not graduate until their 13<sup>th</sup> year.
- These students will still have 4 years from their high school graduation date to activate TIP funds.
- Students must graduate from high school or obtain their GED before age 20, whether it be in grade 12 or 13, in order to be eligible for TIP benefits.
- Students who graduate from high school with a certificate or associate's degree are still eligible for Phase I funds if they want to pursue a second certificate or associate's degree.
  - CONSIDER: Once students initiate Phase II benefits they cannot go back and use Phase I benefits. This is something students may want to consider before initiating Phase II.
- EMC students can also use Phase II TIP funds toward continuing education after earning an associate's degree or at least 56 transferable semester credits or 84 transferable term credits if they attend an institution that accepts Phase II TIP funding.
- Phase II TIP Funding:
  - Provides up to \$2,000 in tuition benefits to qualified students continuing their education **beyond** the associate's degree level, **or** at least 56 transferable semester credits, **or** 84 transferable term credits.
  - Coursework must be completed within 30 months of completion of Phase I requirements, which for EMC students is the completion of their program of study.