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## Why would Freshmen want to be accepted into Middle College in 9th grade?

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I am often asked by students and parents, “Why would I want my freshman to be accepted into Hudson Branch Middle College if they can’t take college classes until their junior year”?

My response to this question is that getting ready to go to any post-secondary institution is a process and being accepted early into our Hudson Branch Middle College will help students be ready for this process.

If accepted into our Middle College program, all students go through a

“credentialing” process. Included in this progression is communication with the student’s teachers to evaluate their readiness to be in our program. Next, I meet with all our Middle College students in weekly mentoring meetings. We talk about high school classes, ways to study, check their grades, etc. All students must be credentialed before we will allow them to meet with our partners at Jackson College. We want to make sure that the students we send to Jackson College will have success.

An added bonus to being a Middle College student is that I help them with their schedule requests. We try to get all Middle College students enrolled in a class at our CSI building, so we can meet on a regular basis with no disruption in their school day.

To get the most out of this experience, the earlier the student is accepted into our Middle College program will position them to receive as many college credits as possible.