

# HENRY FORD COLLEGE

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## FACTS ABOUT HENRY FORD COLLEGE AND OUR COMMUNITY

- Instead of paying taxes to another community college district, and recognizing the importance of local governance and local control of taxes, Dearborn Public School district residents decided to establish their own College. Henry Ford College is Dearborn's College, serving the residents of Dearborn and its surrounding communities for 80 years.
- On average, 36% of college-bound graduates of the Dearborn Public School district attend HFC.
- HFC offers 150+ fully accredited academic programs, from workforce training and trades to business, health care, STEM, liberal arts, culinary, and others. HFC graduates may go directly to high-paying jobs, or are able to take advantage of many seamless transfer options for bachelor's degrees through formal agreements, or guides that facilitate transfer to four-year universities.
- Dearborn Public School district residents receive a substantial tuition discount (in-district tuition is currently \$99 per credit hour, versus \$172 for a non-resident). Out of Michigan's 28 community colleges and 14 public universities, Dearborn Public School district residents who attend HFC pay the third-lowest tuition rate in the entire state of Michigan.
- HFC provides a high-quality education. Reports from area universities show that HFC transfer students do as well or better than students who spend their freshman and sophomore years at four-year universities.
- Eligible high school students can take classes at HFC through our many dual enrollment programs, which can lead to zero-cost HFC degrees. By participating in HFC's dual enrollment programs, many students graduate from the local Dearborn high schools with their freshman and often sophomore years of college already completed, which can result in substantial savings to them in time and money to complete their studies. Approximately 2,000 Dearborn students are currently taking advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Henry Ford College.
- As recent news reports indicate, students across the nation are leaving college with record-high debt. HFC provides an affordable, quality alternative to the higher cost of four-year institutions by providing lower tuition rates, workforce program options, and a community-recognized, excellent education that can lead to any career. HFC also offers a four-year tuition freeze guarantee, which assures that today's tuition rates are frozen for students who graduate from HFC within four years.

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- Dearborn Public School district residents age 60 or older may take classes at HFC tuition-free.
- HFC is a public college and a public campus. We offer cultural opportunities and resources for the public, including choral and instrumental concerts, live theatre, art shows, dance performances, athletic competitions, academic competitions, cultural activities, and other events year-round – all with safe on-campus parking. HFC students or departments put on some of the events; other groups use HFC venues that are open to the public. We also offer public access to the Rouge River Gateway Trail and a scenic lookout at Kingfisher Bluff on the west side of our campus.
- HFC's English Language Institute offers instruction in American English, language, and culture. This intensive program is always full, and prepares students for success in college-level English courses and employment that requires written and oral proficiency in English.

According to a 2018 socioeconomic impact study conducted by *Economic Modeling Specialists International*, HFC's presence in the Dearborn community has a positive impact on the community and generates a significant, measurable return on investment to its major stakeholder groups—students, taxpayers, and society.

- Students invest their own money and time in their education. For every dollar students invest in HFC, they receive a cumulative \$4.20 in higher future earnings over the course of their working lives. The average annual return on HFC investment for students is 15.6%.
- For every dollar taxpayers invest in HFC, they receive \$8.90 in local economic activity and reduced demand for government-funded services in Michigan. The average annual return on HFC investment for taxpayers is 26.2%.
- Investment in education supports the entire community through reduced crime, lower unemployment, and increased health and wellbeing. Michigan citizens benefit through added state revenue and social savings at a rate of \$15.30 for every state dollar invested in Henry Ford College.
- Because HFC purchases goods and services in the Dearborn community and has staff and students who do the same, the study estimates this spending generated \$883 million in economic activity in the HFC service area during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This is equivalent to supporting 13,191 jobs.