

Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Classical Instrument or Voice

The requirements for the ECMS Pre-Collegiate Diploma include a balance of theory and history, continuous applied lesson enrollment, and 3 years of an ensemble. The Pre-Collegiate Diploma can be completed in four years but students may elect to complete this diploma over a longer period of time.

It is not possible to complete this course of study in less than 4 years.

Applied Lessons: 4-6 years	Continuous enrollment* including jury each year [^]
Solo Recital performance: 4-6 years	One each year of applied study
Theory Requirements: 4-6 years	Music Theory I Music Theory II: AP Aural Skills Music Theory III: AP Diatonic Harmony Music Theory IV: AP Adv. Aural Skills Music Theory V: AP Adv. Diatonic Harmony ⁺ Music Theory VI: Chromatic Harmony & Form
Music History Requirement: 1 year	History of Western Music (recommended for grades 10-12)
Ensemble Requirement: 3 years	Any ECMS Ensemble**
Piano Proficiency	Piano Exam*** or Piano Class (non-keyboard majors) Keyboard Theory (keyboard majors)

Suggested Distribution of Requirements

Grade	Every Year	This Year	Any Year
7 th grade	Private lessons*	Introductory Theory (opt.)	History of Western Music
8 th grade	Recital	Music Theory I	Diploma Piano Class (for non-keyboard players)*** Keyboard Theory (for keyboard players)
9 th grade	Exam or jury [^]	Music Theory II	
10 th grade	Ensemble**	Music Theory III	
11 th grade		Music Theory IV Music Theory V ⁺	
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*The number of years of private lessons stated is the minimum number for each diploma to be completed at ECMS. Continuous enrollment is expected; a jury and recital performance is also required each year of private study.

**Ensemble participation, beyond the required number of years, is highly encouraged while the student is pursuing an ECMS diploma.

***If the student wishes to test out of piano class, they must do so by the end of their junior year. See #5 of General Requirements for more information.

<http://www.esm.rochester.edu/community/diplomas/general.php>

^If the jury grade is under 5 at the end of 12th grade, the student receives the Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Music Studies. If the jury grade is 5 or above at the end of 12th grade, the student receives the Pre-Collegiate Diploma in that instrument or in voice. If the jury grade is 6 at the end of 11th grade, the student may choose to play an Honor's Jury during 12th grade and if the student passes the Honor's Jury and then plays an Honors Recital solo recital (30-min program), he/she will receive the Pre-Collegiate Diploma in that instrument or in voice with Honors.

†Upon completion of Music Theory V, the student may take the AP Theory exam.