

School District Directory

For a firsthand look at the exemplary programs available at schools in the Kalamazoo area, contact the school district to arrange for a tour.

District Name	Superintendent	Phone
Kalamazoo County		
Climax-Scotts Community Schools	Dr. Geoffrey E. Balkam	(269) 746-2400
Comstock Public Schools	Dr. Sandra Standish	(269) 388-9464
Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools	Douglas P. Newington	(269) 484-2000
Gull Lake Community Schools	Chris Rundle	(269) 488-5000
Kalamazoo Public Schools	Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.	(269) 337-0123
Parchment School District	Matthew J. Miller	(269) 488-1050
Portage Public Schools	Marsha Wells	(269) 323-5000
Schoolcraft Community Schools	Douglas Knobloch	(269) 488-7390
Vicksburg Community Schools	Charles Glaes	(269) 321-1000
Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo	Margaret Erich	(269) 349-8714
Kalamazoo Christian School Association	John Blumenstein	(269) 381-2044
Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center	Dr. Brenda Earhart	(269) 337-0004
Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency	Ronald L. Fuller	(269) 385-1500
Paramount Charter Academy	Dr. Sharon Lockett-Gibson	(269) 553-6400
Surrounding Counties		
Allegan Public Schools	Kevin Harness	(269) 673-5431
Gobles Public Schools	Brenda Wilson	(269) 628-5618
Lawton Community Schools	Joseph Trimboli	(269) 624-7901
Mattawan Consolidated School	James A. Weeldreyer	(269) 668-3361
Otsego Public Schools	Dennis M. Patzer	(269) 692-6066
Paw Paw Public Schools	Mark T. Bielang	(269) 657-8800
Plainwell Community Schools	Susan Wakefield	(269) 685-5823

Climax-Scotts Community Schools



Climax-Scotts Community Schools work in partnership with the home, community, and

business to educate and motivate students to be productive and contributing members in a global society. We promote a safe, positive and creative environment in which quality learning can take place. The District is committed to the development of "knowledge capital" within the system and expects each student to become a cooperative and independent participant in a world community. Our goal, each day, is to improve the teaching/learning process through a teamwork approach. Climax-Scotts Community Schools is rural, occupying some 61 square miles, and is located conveniently between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek just off I-94. We are proud of our educational program, as well as our first class facilities and grounds. We extend an invitation to come by and visit us. Our professional and enthusiastic staff will go the extra mile to help students succeed. According to a visiting team member for North Central Association Accreditation, we are "the best kept secret in the region!" Climax-Scotts Community Schools has won the coveted Governor's Golden Apple Award two times in previous years. And yes, we are a small rural school district, but we make a BIG difference in the lives and education of our students!

- Total Enrollment: 663
- Class Size Average:
 - K-3: 22
 - 4-6: 24
 - 7-8: 23
 - 9-12: 21
- Percentage of graduates: 97%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 85%

Superintendent: Dr. Geoffrey E. Balkam
For more information call: (269) 746-2400
Web Site: www.remc12.k12.mi.us/climax-scotts

Curriculum

C-S Elementary School (PreK-3)

Mrs. Jan Lee, Principal

Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education, Music, Library. **Enhancement**

Classes/Programs:

Bullying Prevention Program, Kids Hope USA, RIF, WMU Intern Program, Before/After School Daycare Program (Kids' Corner), Character Education Program, End of Year Carnival, Junior Achievement, Field Trips, Diversity Appreciation, Mentor Program



C-S Intermediate School (4-6)

Mrs. Jan Lee, Principal

Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Spelling, Reading. **Enhancement Classes/Programs:** Computers, Physical Education, Music, Band, Art, Junior Achievement, 6th Grade Camp, Challenge Center, Field Trips, Student Council, Bullying Prevention Program, RIF, Character Education Program, Learning Fair, Lincoln Center for the Arts Pilot Project, Mentor Program

C-S Junior High School (7-8)

Mr. Ron Ehlers, Principal

Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Band, Art, Media and Publications, Computers, Physical Education, Technology Education, Study Skills

C-S Senior High School (9-12)

Mr. Ron Ehlers, Principal

Band, Art, Business Services Technology (BST), Life Management, Physical Education, Health, Technology and Applied Science, Distance Learning, Computer Education, Education for Employment (EFE), Education for the Arts (EFA), Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC), Dual Enrollment, Focus on Freshman, Advanced Physical Education, CAD CAM, Nova Net

Adult & Alternative High School

Mr. Eric Adams, Director of

Adult/Alternative and Community Education

Adult and Alternative Education evening classes, wide variety of community education activities year round

Teaching Strategies/ Classroom Organization

Elementary: Pre-school 3-4 year olds, Young Fives program, Full day Kindergarten

Intermediate/Jr. High: Team Teaching

Sr. High: Cooperative Learning, Team Teaching, and Focus on Freshman

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

Positive Assistance for Student Success (PASS), National Honor Society, Tutoring Program, Remedial Summer School (K-12), Nova-Net Computerized Classes, Drivers Education Program, District-wide Community Education

Programs for Gifted Students

Jr.-Sr. High: Independent Study, College and A.P. Courses, KAMSC (Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center)

Programs for Students with Special Needs

District-Wide School Psychologist, Social Worker

Elementary: Pre-School, Title I/Reading Recovery, Special Education

Intermediate: Reading Initiatives, Special Education

Jr.-Sr. High: Student Achievement Assistance Team, Alternative Education Program, Special Education

Technological Status

Elementary: Each classroom has three computers, a telephone (including voice mail) and a TV and VCR/DVD unit.

Intermediate: Thirty-station computer lab, with Internet access, each classroom has a telephone (including voice mail) and a TV and VCR/DVD unit.

Jr.-Sr. High: Three state-of-the-art computer labs with Internet access, a closed-circuit television broadcast station with digital camera and video editing equipment, each classroom is equipped with a telephone (including voicemail) and a TV and VCR/DVD unit.

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary/Intermediate

Kids Hope USA, Girls on the Run, Junior Achievement

Junior High

Band, Dance, Football, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Track, Student Council

Senior High

Clubs

SADD - Students Against Destructive Decisions, Forensics, National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook, Powerlifting Club

Arts Organizations

Band, Pep Band, Drama, Dance

Sports

(Class D) - Men's and Women's Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Wrestling, Competitive Cheerleading, Softball, Baseball, Golf, Men's and Women's Track and Field, Men's and Women's Cross Country

Community Sports

AYSO (Soccer), American Legion Baseball and Softball, Junior Basketball, Wrestling Programs, K.O.H.A. Hockey, Rocket Football

Comstock Public Schools

Comstock Public Schools is an excellent school system that has continued to grow and improve. The Board of Education, staff, and administration recognize that quality education is a cooperative effort and they seek the involvement of our community members in the process. Working together, we can assure the best possible learning experiences for all Comstock students.

- Total Enrollment: 2,574
- Class Size:
 - Elementary: 22
 - Middle School: 23
 - High School: 25
 - Alt. High School: 18
- Percentage of graduates: 96%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 78%
- Number of high school students who received Michigan Merit Award: 74

Superintendent: Dr. Sandra Standish
For more information: (269) 388-9464
District Web Site: www.comstockps.org

Curriculum

Elementary

Traditional Core Program* plus Spanish, Art, Library, Music and Physical Education, Literacy/Technology projects, 90-minute Literacy Blocks/30-minutes Targeted Intervention in Reading, 30-minutes Intense Reading Interventions

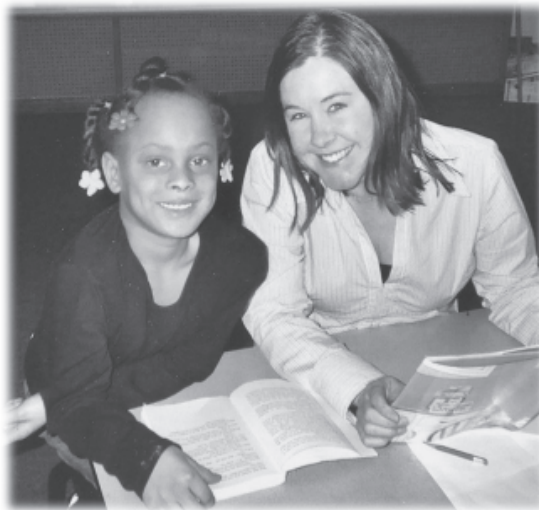
Middle School

Traditional Core Program* plus Spanish, Art, Library, Music, Physical Education, Quest, Algebra, Computer Science, Health, Home Economics

High School

Traditional Core Program* plus Art, Library, Choir, Band, Physical Education, Business, Home Economics, Auto Mechanics, Building Trades, Education for Employment, Education for the Arts, Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center, advanced placement programs

**Traditional Core includes Science, Mathematics,*



Programs for Students with Special Needs

Comstock Alternative High School and Adult Education, Special Education Programs and Services, Title I, K-12 At-risk Programs, Chirpen's Program, Learning Labs, Achievement Center, Earobics Auditory Program

Technological Status

Computer access in all classrooms, Multimedia computers and curriculum support, computer labs in every building, Internet access in all buildings, Professional Development for all staff, K-12 Technology Curriculum, 300 new computers installed in August 2007

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

Homework Clubs, Computer Club Enrichment Programs, Children's Center, Sports/Band Camps, Red Cross Club, NEMS Super Mileage Team, Conflict Resolution, Engineering Club, Dance Club

Programs for Gifted Students

High School Dual Enrollment, National Honor Society, Advanced Placement Classes, Participation in Pro-Solve Math Program, MI Math League, Education for the Arts, Young Author's ATYP, Accelerated Math and Reading



Unique Facilities

Comstock Community Auditorium
Children's Center Pre-School
Alternative High School
CHIRPENS Program
Adult Education Program

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Accelerated Reader, Early Literacy Program, Student-Led Conferences, 90 minutes of focused instruction in language arts, Team Teaching, Thematic Units, Block Scheduling, School/Community Partnerships, Multiple Intelligences, Bridges, DIBELS, Novanet, NWEA

Parent Support Groups

Parent Groups, Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, Comstock Public Schools Foundation, CHS Parent Advisory Committee, PATS (Parents & Teachers for Students), Partners in Education, DADS Program

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Character Education, Student Assistance Coordinators, SWAP, Quest Living Skills, Conflict Management, Safe Schools, Anti-Bullying Training, district-wide crisis teams, Positive Behavior Program, Ronald McDonald House

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Learning Fair, Grandparent's Day, Science Club, Environmental Camp, School Carnival, Newspaper Club, Spanish Club, Mentoring (KAAAP), Young Author's, Book Fair, Multicultural Celebrations, Reading Club, Student Council, Nursing Home Visitations, Jump Rope for Heart, Conflict Resolution Classes, Student Government, Red Cross, Girls on the Run, Warm Kids Program

Middle School

School Newspaper, Mentoring (KAAAP), Recognition Tree, Interscholastic Sports Program, Yearbook, Performing Arts-Drama, Study Skills Program, Student Leadership Program, Student Government, Band, Vocal Music, RIF, Geography Club, Creative Writer's Club, Engineering Club, Mentoring for Girls

High School Clubs

Debate, Forensics, DECA, Spanish Club, Tutoring, Student Newspaper, Teacher Assistant Teams, Student Government, Volunteers, Math Club, Black Achievers, Teen Parent Program, Crisis Response Team, Yearbook, Work Experience Program, Community Outreach

Arts Organizations

Band of Blue, Video Editing Room, Music Exchange Program, Education for the Arts, High School Play

Sports

(Class B) - Athletic Recognition, Track, Golf, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball, Wrestling, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Cross Country, Tennis

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools is recognized at the regional and state level for its diversity and innovative practices. We are proud of our increasingly higher test scores, our established Essential Learning Objectives and our being first in the region to offer all-day everyday Kindergarten and multiage program. We also are proud of the strong community support, evidenced by the many volunteer programs and outstanding community pride.

- Total Enrollment: 1,200
- Class Size:
Primary: 22
Intermediate: 23
High School: 25
- Percentage of graduates
that further their education: 85%

Superintendent: Douglas P. Newington
For more information call (269) 484-2000

Curriculum

Reading Commitment is a priority of the District.

Primary

Preschool, Four-Year-Old Readiness, All-Day Everyday Kindergarten, Single-Grade classroom options K-3, language arts, math, science & social studies, music, art, physical education, and special education

Intermediate

Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, Creative Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Integrated Technology Education, Keyboarding, Special Education

Middle School

English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Environment and Conservation, Band, Physical Education, Technology Education, Art, Computers, Mythology, Poetry, Creative Writing, Special Education, Advisory, Academic Lab



High School

English, Math, Science, Drafting, Social Studies, Physical Education, Health Education, Fine/ Applied Arts, Computers, Kalamazoo County Education for Employment, Kalamazoo County Education for the Arts, Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center, Band, Auto Mechanics, Spanish, Special Education, Advanced Placement Courses, Five-Year Old High School, New Computer Labs

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Reading for Special Needs Children, Read to Me, Student Assistance Program, Intervention Assistance Teams, Title I, Kids Hope Mentors

Technological Status

Computer labs and/or clusters are in all buildings, and there are some computers in individual classrooms; Internet access is available; Staff receives ongoing training through professional development coordinated by the Technology Leadership Team; Mobile Labs (laptops).

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Harassment Training, Interquest, Character Education, Peer Mediation, Student Assistance Program, Quest, SADD, Teen Heart, STAND, Bullying Prevention

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

Homework Help Lab (6-8) weekly, After School Tutoring (4-5), Great Achievements Learning Center

Parent Support Groups

AFGAK (Pre K-5), Sports Boosters, Band Boosters, PASS (Parents Actively Supporting Students) (6-8)

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Team Teaching, Seminar periods for 9-12, Cooperative Learning and Higher Order Thinking Skills, Title I Systems, Reading Counts

Programs for Gifted Students

Gifted and Talented Program, Middle School Algebra, Battle of Books, Academic Bookstore

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Fifth Grade Camp, At-Risk Program, Mathathon (4-5), Collection for Gospel Mission, Fire Safety Week, Track and Field Day, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Gilmore Keyboard Festival, Comstock Auditorium Programs, Reading Counts, Holiday Food Drive and Collection for Gospel Mission, Battle of the Books, Girls on the Run, Youth Basketball, Wrestling Club, Junior Achievement (5th), Kids Hope U.S.A. Mentoring Program

Middle School

Junior Achievement, Gold and Silver Club, Hall of Fame, Band, Drama, Football, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Boys' and Girls' Track, Boys' and Girls' Tennis, KAAAP (6-8), Dance Team, Student Council, Middle School Dances, Yearbook, Homeless Services, Career Day, Annual Toys for Tots Tournament, Red Ribbon Week, KAMSC, Community Service, Warm Coats, Food Banks, Care Packages for Service Men & Women, Senior Citizen Breakfast, Walk for the Homeless, Middle School Walk, Christmas Basket, Toys for Tots

High School

Clubs

National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Biology Club, Diversity Clubs, Volunteer Club, SADD, Student Council

Arts Organizations

Marching Band, Drama, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band

Sports

(Class C) - Football, Men's and Women's Basketball, Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Men's Baseball, Women's Softball, Men's and Women's Tennis

Community Sports

AYSO, YMCA Camp, Rocket Football, Community Baseball, Youth Basketball, USA and We Can Volleyball

Gull Lake Community Schools



The Gull Lake Community School District is located in Richland, Michigan, with an enrollment of over 2,800 students K-12 and over 1,000 students in the high school. Located between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek it encompasses over 155 square miles, spreads into 3 counties (Kalamazoo, Barry and Calhoun) and 9 different townships, (Richland, Ross, Barry, Bedford, Johnstown, Prairieville, Comstock, Charleston, and Cooper). Gull Lake is essentially a commuter community with a large number of residents engaging in a variety of professional, managerial, skilled, and unskilled vocations in nearby cities. The approximate district population is 19,399 as of the most recent census.

- Total Enrollment: 2,861
- Class Size:
K-8: 25
High School: 27
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 95%
- Number of National Merit Scholars in the past two years: 5

Superintendent: Mr. Chris Rundle
For more information call: (269) 488-5000
District Web Site: www.gulllakecs.org



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Curriculum

Elementary (K-3 and Intermediate 4-5)

Educational programs also include: Physical Education, Art, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Reading Development, Math Development and Talent Development Programs.

Middle School (6-8)

Curriculum also includes: Variety of Exploratories: Reading Development/Study Skills, Physical Fitness. Unified Arts: Art, Technical Education, Skills for Living, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music.

High School (9-12) - Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Over 150 different courses offered including: Spanish/French, Advanced Placement Courses (12), Education for Employment, Education for the Arts, Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center.

Parent Support Groups

PTO, Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Performing Arts Foundation, and Various School Improvement Committees

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Half Day Kindergarten and Young-Fives, Early Childhood Developmental Delay Classrooms, Higher Order Thinking Skills, Competency Based Learning, Teaming at the Middle School, Offsite Educational Offerings, Block Schedule at High School, Service Learning.

It is the philosophy of the Gull Lake Community Schools to provide a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities for all students of all levels of learning.



Programs for Gifted Students

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Kalamazoo College
Advanced Placement Courses, Destination Imagination (formerly Odyssey of the Mind), Quiz Bowl, Talent Development, ATYP

Technological Status

Each building has at least one instructional lab with the newest technologies; High School has four instructional labs; All Libraries are automated and have computers available for student usage; All grades K-8 have at least one classroom computer; All buildings have Internet access; In-house in-servicing and classes are offered each semester; Demonstrations are used as instructional tools. Continuous upgrading takes place throughout the year

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Student Assistance, Project Charlie, Character Education, Mentoring Program and Safe Schools Program

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Special Education Services, Teacher Consultants, Resource Rooms, Categorical Classrooms, Speech and Language Services, School Social Worker(s), Remedial Math and Reading Programs, Kidlink, Steps of Success, Bowling Buddies

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

Venture Seminars, variety of club activities, Added Advantage Child Care, Making Connections (an Early Childhood initiative), Enrichment and Recreation, Community Education

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Destination Imagination, Physical Fitness Competitions, Venture Seminars, age-appropriate Community Education classes

Middle School

Writing Club, Book Club, Band, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Girls' and Boys' Cross Country, Wrestling, Volleyball, Girls' and Boys' Track, Cheerleading, Destination Imagination, Ski Club, Math Club, Show Choir, Jazz Band

High School

We offer a number of after school activities and clubs including, Student Senate, National Honors Society, DECA, Quiz Bowl, Destination ImagiNation, Volunteers, Performing Arts, Ski Club, and Foreign Language Club

Arts Organizations

Our Performing Arts department ranks among the best in the state. We also offer Choir and an excellent Band Program

Sports (Class B)

Our sports program is one of the best in the Wolverine Conference offering 18 different offerings for both girls and boys, including: Soccer, Golf, Cross-Country, Track, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Competitive Cheer and Wrestling

Community Sports

YMCA, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer

Kalamazoo Public Schools

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kept exclusively at The Kalamazoo Public Schools

**Work hard in school.
Graduate.
Earn a Promise Scholarship.
Be successful in life.**

For more details, visit us at
www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

- Total K-12 Enrollment: 11,530
- Class Size:
 - K-3: 20
 - 4-6: 25
 - Middle School: 22
 - High School: 29
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 89%
- National Merit Scholars in the last three years: 13
- The dropout rate at KPS is 6.5%

Superintendent Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.
(269) 337-0123

School District Web Site:
www.kalamazoopublicschools.com

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Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1882

Curriculum

Elementary

The elementary curriculum for KPS is designed to offer challenge, richness and high academic achievement. The curriculum is based on performance standards aligned to the Michigan Curriculum Framework, as well as best practices in teaching for learning. Developmentally appropriate and rich in hands-on experiences, this curriculum motivates students for optimal learning. Extended day kindergarten will be available to all kindergarten students. Extended day kindergarten sessions are located in 14 of our 17 elementary buildings.



Every child, every opportunity, every time!

Middle School

A broad set of exciting learning settings is the key feature of our middle school curriculum. Courses in Science, Physical Education, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and English are taught every day. Full-year and 12-week exploratory courses offer students the opportunity to experience a wide variety of classes such as: Spanish, Art, Music, Technology and special activities such as Drama, Ethnic Foods, Exploring Life Skills, Young Astronaut, Health Careers and Volunteers.

High School

KPS has two comprehensive high schools with a wide variety of courses. High achievement is a result of the schools' focus on academics. Emphasis on mastery of core subjects prepares students well for both post-secondary education and the changing work force of the future. Opportunities are also available to students for an in-depth study in areas of specific interest. In addition, Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC) offers advanced study in math and science. Alternative educational pathways are available. Enrichment opportunities are provided through the many Advanced Placement Courses as well as elective courses including: Fine Arts, Work Experience, Technology, and World Languages. Exciting off campus courses are available through Education for the Arts, Education for Employment, and at local colleges and universities.

Magnet Schools

Edison Environmental Science Academy: A Center for the Study of Environmental Economics offers students the opportunity to develop the research skills necessary to make informed economic decisions while learning to appreciate the natural world around them. Students will work in an on-site greenhouse, outdoor wetland, and a state-of-the-art science laboratory to help develop these skills. They will also have opportunities to produce news reports as well as informational videos in our video production studio.

Lincoln International Studies School emphasizes an international theme, world cultures, and diversity. It also serves as center for bilingual services. Through International Studies, Lincoln offers a vast array of opportunities for all of its students to experience and understand cultures and traditions from around the world.

Northglade Montessori Magnet School, an American Montessori Accredited Program, guides students in reaching their full potential within a social environment featuring developmentally and age appropriate materials and authentic learning experiences. Technology, the arts, and special enrichment sessions enhance the Montessori experience.

Spring Valley Center for Exploration. The following three content themes are the focus of the curriculum: *Networking with Nature*, *Collaborating with Creativity* and *Differentiating with Diversity*. The school will have a variety of learning activities to help students integrate the theme into the core subject areas.

Washington Writers' Academy offers students the opportunity to meet with published authors and illustrators who assist them in developing their own works of literature in the academy's Publication House.

Woods Lake Elementary: A Magnet Center for the Arts. The focus is to expose and provide experiences for all children to a myriad of arts experiences so that children can create, perform, and participate at many levels. Along with instruction in the art disciplines, the school integrates the arts into the core subject areas..

The Woodward School for Technology and Research is preparing students to think about how people's decisions affect their lives and the environment. Investigating regional environ-

mental sustainability challenges students to use scientific research skills to look at how our actions affect the Great Lakes Region and how we can make decisions to promote a sustainable future, live balanced lives that make for a healthy life (mind and body), and promote a healthier planet.

Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts. As a middle school, this school will continue to build students' exploration and integration of the arts through visual arts, literary/global arts, performing arts and the use of technology.

Milwood Magnet School for Math, Science, and Technology will engage a community of learners in technology rich and academically-rigorous learning experiences that foster a healthy sense of self-esteem and a desire for life-long learning.

Programs for Gifted Students

Academically Talented Program for Grades 3-5, Avant Garde for Grades 5-6, Advanced Placement Classes, Hall of Fame

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Inclusion, Resource Rooms and Teachers, Mainstreaming, Pre-Primary Impaired (ages 3-4), Pre-Kindergarten PEEP (age 4), Head Start, ECDD (Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed)

Summer Programs

Elementary, Migrant/Bilingual, Middle and High School Summer School, Summer Instrumental Music and various programs offered throughout the community.

Technological Facilities

Many of our elementary schools have undergone additions or remodeling to accommodate technology innovations with new science labs, computer labs and the largest computer network in Kalamazoo. All schools and classrooms in the district have Internet access. Most schools have one or more computer labs.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

High School Peer Support Groups, Student Assistant Teams, Conflict Resolution, Peer Mediation

Parent Support Groups

PTO and School Improvement and Site Planning Teams. Parents are also involved in various ways.

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

(The following activities are at one or more of our schools) Destination Imagination Teams, Battle of the Books - Global Challenge, Black History Quiz Bowl, Intramural Sports, Chess Club, 4-H, Junior Achievement, Science Camps at Sherman and Pretty Lakes, YMCA Programs, The Boys and Girls Clubs, Student Council Oration Contest, Science Fairs, Geography Bee, Lunch and Learn Program, Jeter's "Proud To Be Me" Program, Student Newspaper, Mentoring Project, Kids Hope, Nature Center, Girl Scouts, Radio Club, Musicals, Plays, Math Olympiad, PALS (Partners @ Learning Successfully), Girls on the Run, Kalamazoo Communities In Schools, Girls on Track, Reach Out and Read, Ski Club, Breakfast of Champions, Cub and Boy Scouts, Talent Shows, Foster Grandparent Reading Program, Park and Recreation Programs, Gilmore Keyboard Lab, Spanish Club, Knitting Club, Orff Ensemble, Drama Club, Peacekeepers, Hands Across the Border, United Nations

Middle School

Chess Club, Computer Club, Dance Club, Pep Squad, Yearbook, Creative Writing, VolunTeens, Art, Sports Cards Club, Cadet Band, Choir, Orchestra, Concert Band, Honors Music, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Volleyball, Ski Club, Track and Field, Football, Cross Country, Wrestling

High School

Clubs

Yearbook, Bilingual, Debate, French, Spanish, Latin, German, Student Newspapers, Minority Student Awareness, Chess Club, Peer Mediation, Project Mentor, DECA, Student Government, Upward Bound, Forensics, National Honor Society, Ski Club, Ecology Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, NHS Tutors, Radio Club, Jeter's Leaders, Close-up, Foreign Travel through Latin, German and Spanish Clubs

Sports

(Class A) - Men's and Women's Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Men's and Women's Golf, Hockey, Men's and Women's Swimming, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Track, Varsity Club, Wrestling, Golf, Soccer, Cheerleading and Competitive Cheerleading

Arts Organizations

Drama, Musicals, Art Club, Band, Several Choirs, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marching Band

Before & After School

Lincoln International Studies School is home to a YMCA branch, including a pool; the Kalamazoo Department of Recreation offers on-site after-school programs; Prime Time Y offers safe, affordable before and after school care. Communities in Schools also offer after school care at several elementary buildings. Many other schools offer a variety of before and/or after school care programs.

Parchment School District

Parchment School District residents hold education in high regard and value the diverse nature of the community and its schools. Parchment School District was very excited to receive the U.S. News and World Report rankings as one of America's Best High Schools and received the 2008 Bronze Medal Award. This selection was the result of a three-step analysis of student achievement, class offerings and college-readiness. Parchment was one of only 70 high schools in the state to be ranked and the only one in southwestern Michigan.

A suburban district near downtown Kalamazoo, the community combines the atmosphere of small-town living with the accessibility of metropolitan advantages. Parchment also maintains high expectations for students while maximizing personal attention and fostering strong home-school relations.

- Total Enrollment: 1,790
- Average Class Size:
Elementary: 23
Middle School: 24
High School: 25
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 75%
- All schools are NCA Accredited
- Alternative High School
- Alternative Middle School

Superintendent: Matthew J. Miller
For more information call (269) 488-1050
Web Site: www.parchmentschools.org

Curriculum

Elementary

Essential academic outcomes at all grade levels
Mastery expected by all students
Lincoln Center Program for Aesthetic Education Enrichment
Integration of Technology into Instruction
Research based reading interventions
MiBLSi
Mentor programs

Middle School

Algebra
On line Experiences
Drum line
Challenge Day site
Essential Merit curriculum
Elective offerings
Challenger Learning Center
Integration of Technology into Instruction



High School

College preparatory courses
Advanced Placement and honors classes
Kalamazoo County Education for Employment
Kalamazoo County Education for the Arts
Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center
Integration of Technology into Instruction
Nova Net for credit retrieval
MME/Workkeys
Dual Enrollment at High School

Programs for Gifted Students

Pull out Gifted Program - Grades 3, 4, & 5
Enrichment
Honors English/Advanced Math at Middle School/ATYP
Advanced Placement and Honors Classes at High School
KAMSC (Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center)

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Middle School teaming
Business Partnerships
Reteaching/Retesting
Marzano Best Instructional Practices
Enrichment at all grade levels
After school enrichment and reteaching (transportation provided)
After-school mentoring at Middle and High School
Trimesters at High School

Technological Status

Internet access in all classrooms
Computer labs in all buildings
Classroom computers

Parent Support Groups

Parent organizations at all buildings
Athletic Boosters
Music Boosters
POPS (Joint Parent Support Groups)

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

D.A.R.E. – K-5
RESPECT
Character Education
Non-Violent Conflict Resolution Training
Restorative Justice at Middle School
Challenge Day
MiBLSi
Data based behavior monitoring
Positive Behavior Support – Partnership with CMH
Character Education
Gate Keepers

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Safety Patrol, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Jump Rope for Heart, After-School Enrichment, Destination Imagination, Girls on the Run

Middle School

After-School Enrichment, Student Council, Computers, Yearbook, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Girls' and Boys' Track, Girls' Volleyball, Wrestling, Library available after hours, Cross Country, News Group, Woodshop, Mentoring, Drumline, State ranked concert band, Destination Imagination, Girls on the Track

High School Clubs

National Honor Society, Spanish Club, French Club, DECA, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, BMA

Sports

Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Track, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Golf, Women's Volleyball, Women's Softball, Men's Football, Men's Wrestling, Men's Baseball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Competitive Cheerleading, Swimming, Diving

Arts Organizations

Band, Division 1 Marching Band/Concert Band

Community Sports

AYSO, Rocket Football, Little League, Youth Basketball Association, Wrestling

Community Opportunities

Community Education class offerings
Girl Scouts
Cub Scouts
Parchment Preschool and Childcare Year-round

PPS has long been recognized at state and national levels for its outstanding educational programs. Our broad curricular offerings, noted for their high academic standards, and our outstanding programs in athletics and other co-curricular areas have produced graduates who are well-equipped to face the challenges of higher education, the world of employment, and the responsibilities of citizenship.

- Total Enrollment: 8,800
- Class Size:
Elementary: 22
Middle School: 25.5
High School: 25.5
- Percentage of graduates: 98%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 90-93%
- 45 State Champ Titles

Need more information?

General Information: (269) 323-5000
Web Site: www.portageps.org
Annual Reports for each school available online

Curriculum

Elementary

Language Arts, Reading, Reading Recovery, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, Physical Education, Keyboarding and Integrated Technology Instruction, Library/Media Skills, Young Fives Curriculum, and Gifted and Talented Program for second through fifth graders.



VISION

Portage Public Schools will shape the future by empowering every student to contribute intelligently and ethically in an information rich, global society.

Middle School

Language Arts, Language Arts Plus, Social Studies, Mathematics, Mathematics Plus, Science, Physical Education, Band, Orchestra, Vocal Music, Art, Life Management Education, Technology Education, Computer Education, full year World Languages for 7th and 8th graders, and a wide variety of elective offerings.

High School

International Baccalaureate Program, Art, Business Education, Language Arts, World Languages, Life Management Education, Health, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology and Applied Science, Education for Employment, Education for the Arts, Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, Career Pathways and Technical Programs, Independent Study, and Internships.

Unique Facilities

Enrichment and Extension Center for 2-5 grades, technology labs (K-12), swimming pools in each middle school, renovated 800 seat auditoriums in each high school, and multipurpose facilities at each high school.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Character Asset Building Initiatives, Student Assistance Program (SAP), Gatekeeper, Teen Heart, Michigan Health Model, Behavior Intervention, Code of Conduct, Police Liaison Officers

Technological Status

PPS provides a technology-rich environment for students, faculty and support staff with instructional computing technology playing an important role in all curricular areas. Both students and teachers have access to a variety of electronic tools and resources that enhance the learning and teaching environment. Technology tools are also used extensively by administrators and support staff. Automated systems assist in a variety of areas, including transportation, maintenance, food service, media/library services, fiscal management, student accounting, state and federal reporting, purchasing, internal and external communications, energy management, security, and information storage and retrieval.

Parent Support/Input Groups

PTO's, Band Boosters, Curriculum Instruction Council, Athletic Boosters, Choir Boosters. Parents represented on site-based decision making teams and on district and school committees. Parent/Community groups include

Portage Education Foundation, Portage Athletic Foundation, Diversity Committee, and District Advisory Council.

Programs that Provide Additional Challenges for Students

International Baccalaureate, Gifted and Talented, Language Arts Plus, Honors Courses, National Honor Society, Mathematics Plus, Accelerated Middle School Math, and Academically Talented Youth Program (ATYP).

Before and/or After School Programs

Curious Kids Childcare 6:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., year-round, Curious Kids Summer Academies, Academic Learning Center, Peer Assisted Listening (PAL)

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Special Education Programs, At-Risk Programs, Community High School, English as a Second Language, Peer Assisted Listening (PAL)

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Safety Patrol, Scouting, Student Council, and a variety of clubs

Middle School

Band, Art Club, Drama Club, Choir, Leadership Organization, Boys' and Girls' Volleyball, Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Track, Football, Cross Country, Swimming, Wrestling, Snow Skiing, Racquetball, Odyssey of the Mind, Forensics

High School

Music Organizations

Choir, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Marching Band, Orchestra

Clubs

Newspaper, Yearbook, Literary Magazine, DECA, Debate, Forensics, Spanish/French/German/Latin Clubs, National Honor Society, Interact, AMBUCCS, and Bowling

Sports

(Class A) - Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Softball, Men's and Women's Track and Field, Men's and Women's Swimming/Diving, Men's and Women's Soccer, Ice Hockey, Baseball, Wrestling, Football, Competitive Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Women's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Golf, and Women's Water Polo

Schoolcraft Community Schools

Schoolcraft Community Schools has a long, proud history of providing quality educational opportunities in a supportive, encouraging, safe and nurturing environment. Students in the district compare favorably in all performance measures with those in schools throughout the area and the state. The small size of the school population fosters strong connections between teachers, students and parents, which translate into individual attention that is unsurpassed in other school districts. A strong core curriculum coupled with affiliations with regional and state programs provides a breadth of programming opportunities for Schoolcraft students that rival those found in any other school district.

Families seeking a challenging and varied curriculum delivered by a dedicated professional staff in a positive and safe environment will be well pleased with the Schoolcraft Community Schools.

- Total Enrollment: 1,181
- Class Size:
 - Early Elementary: 20
 - Upper Elementary: 22
 - Middle School: 22
 - High School: 20
- Percentage of graduates: 98%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 95%

Superintendent: Douglas Knobloch
For more information call: (269) 488-7390
Web Site: www.schoolcraftschools.org
E-mail: knoblod@schoolcraftschools.org

Curriculum

Early Elementary

- Approximately 250 students
- Grades PK through 2
- Young Fives Program
- Instruction in Art, Physical Education, Music
- Emphasis on the development of reading proficiency



Upper Elementary

- Approximately 350 students
- Grades 3 through 6
- Instrumental music program
- Intensive instruction in core curricular areas
- Instruction in Art, Physical Education, Music

Middle School

- Approximately 200 students
- Grades 7 and 8
- Middle School Concept approach
- Strong core curriculum emphasis
- Elective course opportunities

High School

- Approximately 380 students
- Grades 9 through 12
- Strong core curriculum emphasis
- Wide variety of curricular extension opportunities
- Extensive co-curricular programming

Technology

Technology is employed as a tool to assist in learning activities throughout the district. All desktops are connected to the world through a district-owned fiber optic network. High school students have access to a wide ranging curriculum through the Michigan Virtual High School program. Parents can monitor student progress by accessing teacher grade books using the Parent Internet Viewer.

Facilities

All school buildings have been brought up to date by a voter approved bond issue project. Facilities are clean, orderly, well lit and well ventilated. They function exceptionally in support of the district's educational mission.

Co-curricular Activities

Early Elementary

Community service projects, Drug Free Schools program, Junior Achievement program, Student Citizenship programs, Student Leadership programs, Vocal Music programs, Yearbook, Visual Arts programs.

Upper Elementary

Community service projects, Drug Free Schools program, Junior Achievement program, Instrumental Music program, Student Citizenship programs, Student Leadership programs, Vocal Music programs, Yearbook, Visual Arts programs.

Middle School

Co-curricular clubs (French and Spanish clubs, Chess Club, etc.), Community service projects, Diversity programs, Theatrical Productions, Drug Free Schools program, Interscholastic Athletics, Junior Achievement program, Instrumental Music program, Musical Production, Student Citizenship programs, Student Leadership programs, Vocal Music programs, Yearbook, Visual Arts programs.

High School

Co-curricular clubs (French and Spanish clubs, Chess Club, etc.), Community service projects, Diversity programs, Theatrical Productions, Drug Free Schools program, Interscholastic Athletics, Junior Achievement program, Instrumental Music program, Musical Production, National Honor Society, Student Citizenship programs, Student Leadership programs, Vocal Music programs, Yearbook, Visual Arts programs.

Activities	Early Elementary	Upper Elementary	Middle School	High School
Co-Curricular Clubs (French Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club, Art Club, Common Bond, etc.)			X	X
Community Service Projects (Toys for Tots, Can Do Drive, Senior Citizens Holiday Activities, American Cancer Society, etc.)	X	X	X	X
Diversity Programs		X	X	
Theatrical Productions		X	X	
Drug Free Schools Programs	X	X	X	X
Interscholastic Athletics			X	X
Instrumental Music Programs		X	X	X
Junior Achievement Program	X	X	X	X
Musical Production			X	X
National Honor Society				X
Student Citizenship Programs	X	X	X	X
Student Leadership Programs	X	X	X	X
Vocal Music Programs	X	X	X	X
Yearbook	X	X	X	X
Visual Arts Programs	X	X	X	X

Vicksburg Community Schools

Vicksburg Community Schools is an innovative district located in south central Kalamazoo County. The schools and teachers are nationally recognized for providing a strong basic curriculum blended with opportunities in art, music, theater, information and vocational technologies, athletics, and many other co-curricular activities. Vicksburg has a well-trained and enthusiastic staff who regularly go the extra mile to help students succeed.

- Total Enrollment: 2,630
- Class Size:
 - Elementary K-2: 22 Avg.
 - Elementary 3-5: 23 Avg.
 - Middle and High School: 15-30
- Percentage of graduates: 92%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 93%

Superintendent: Charles Glaes
For more information call (269) 321-1000
Visit our Web Site:
www.vicksburgcommunityschools.org

Curriculum

Elementary

Strong core curriculum based on State standards plus enrichment and extension courses, Art, Music, and Physical Education

Middle School

Strong core curriculum based on State standards, plus Foreign Language, Art, Computers, Technology Education, Health and Physical Education, Band, Choir, and many enrichment and extension opportunities

High School

Strong core curriculum based on State standards, plus Art, Band, Choir, Drama, Video Arts, Advanced Placement Courses, Career Pathways Vocational and Technical, Foreign Languages, Kalamazoo County Education for Employment, Kalamazoo County Education for the Arts, Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center, Odyssey On-Line Learning



Programs for Gifted Students

WINGS Enrichment/Extension Programs, Academically Talented Youth Program (ATYP), Independent Study, College Courses, Advanced Placement Courses, Dual Enrollment, Differentiated Instruction

Strategic Literacy Instruction

Small Class Sizes, Team Teaching, Balanced Literacy, Cooperative Learning Instructional Skills, Positive Discipline Plan, Integrated Thematic Instruction, Hands-on Math and Science, Team Taught Humanities, 80-minute block classes at the High School, Off-campus Opportunities

Technological Status

Full voice, video and computer networking between and within each building; Teaching computer labs in every building with classroom computers in every room; High-speed Internet and other data sources are online in every classroom along with an extensive collection of software and multi-media teaching/learning resources; Full-time LAN Technicians in the district; Full-time support techs for support and training in each building

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Peer mediation, guidance counseling, student assemblies, health courses, Focus on Freshmen and LINK Program for High School students, Middle/High School Resource Officer

Parent Support Groups

PTA, PTSO, PTO, Volunteer Program, Choral and Band Parents, Athletic Boosters, Project Graduation, Kids Hope, Parents in the Middle

Unique Facilities

Vicksburg boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including a 1,000-seat Performing Arts Center with grand piano, Outdoor Education Center, Computer and Science Labs, Multimedia Technology, Networks and Media Centers, Agriscience and Greenhouse Facility, 3,500-seat Gymnasium, lighted soccer complex, athletic stadium with artificial turf and an all weather track, 12 court tennis complex, and a Historic Administration Building

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Early Literacy Program, Small group teaching, Kids Hope, Title I, Early Childhood Development Delayed, Special Education, Challenger Team, Academic Enhancement, Compass Learning, Learning Resource Center, Adult Education, K-12 Counseling, High School Strive Program, Focus on Freshmen

Before and/or After School Programs

Middle School after-school enrichment, Kids Klub before and after school child care at elementary schools, Kindergarten Wrap Around, Slice of Summer Day Camps, Sunshine Summer Academy, Basketball and Volleyball Camps, Fish Camp, Summer tennis lessons, Youth Dance, Youth Basketball, Youth Volleyball, Adult Recreation, Enrichment classes

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Speech Contest, WINGS, Scouts, Kids Hope, Enrichment Classes, Student Council, School Publications and Yearbook, Battle of the Books

Middle School

Student Leadership Council, Yearbook, Math Counts, Band, Choir, Art Club, Dance and Theater, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Track and Cross Country, Wrestling, Girls' Volleyball, Co-ed Intramurals, 7th & 8th Grade Football, Homework Club

High School Clubs

DECA, French Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Student Senate, FFA, VICA, National Art Society, Photography Club, Arts & Crafts Club, Theater Games, Bowling Club, Homework Club

Arts Organizations

Choir, Band, Drama, Art Club, Yearbook, Jazz Band, Jazz Choir

Sports

(Class B) Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Track, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Women's Softball, Women's Competitive and sideline Cheerleading, Men's Football, Men's Baseball, Men's Wrestling, Men's Golf, Women's Golf

Community Sports

Rocket Football and Cheerleading, Little League Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, AYSO/MISLE Soccer, Wrestling

CSGK Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo Faith-Filled Education For Life!

Welcome to Our Community!

Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo (CSGK) is a Catholic faith-based elementary and secondary education system that focuses on high achievement, in a caring environment, through the responsible sharing of time, talent, and treasure. We strive to provide an environment that welcomes children of all races, faiths, academic abilities, physical abilities, and socio-economic levels. We give witness to the vision of Jesus and the mission of the Catholic Church through prayer, collaboration, and unity through diversity.

The CSGK system includes Monsignor John R. Hackett Catholic Central High School (grades 9-12), and K-8 elementary programs at St. Augustine School and St. Monica School. CSGK also offers a pre-school program and Young-5 program at St. Augustine School and St. Monica; a before-school program at St. Augustine School and after-school programs at St. Augustine and St. Monica schools.

Key Facts

- Elementary schools conveniently located downtown on W. Michigan Ave. and on the Kilgore Road area campus; high school centrally located on Kilgore Road campus. Public school bus transportation available
- Average number of students per classroom: 25
- Percentage of high school graduates: 100%
- Percentage of high school graduates that further their education: 96%
- Number of National Merit Scholars in the last three years: 5 finalists; 8 semi-finalists; and 7 commended
- Foreign languages, band, music, art, computers and business, in addition to core subjects and religion
- Extracurricular activities including youth sports, scouting, community outreach, academic clubs and activities
- Tuition assistance
- Weekly all-school Mass at elementary schools; monthly all-school Mass and opportunity for daily Mass at high school; special prayer services throughout the liturgical year; opportunity for Reconciliation



- Service projects in all elementary and middle school grades; community service requirement at Hackett Catholic Central High School

CSGK has a rich tradition of service to the Kalamazoo area. For over 100 years, children of all races, faiths, academic abilities, physical abilities, and socio-economic levels have been attending one of several Catholic schools in the City of Kalamazoo. CSGK looks forward to serving your family and to providing your children with a *Faith-Filled Education for Life!*

Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo

St. Augustine School

K-8; Before & After School Care; Pre-School & Young 5's Programs

600 West Michigan Avenue • Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 349-1945 • (269) 349-1085 (Fax)

staoffice@stakzoo.org (email) • <http://st.augustine-elementary.com>

St. Monica School

K-8; After School Care; Pre-School & Young 5's Programs

530 West Kilgore Road • Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 345-2444 • (269) 345-8534 (Fax)

smsoffice@stmonicakzoo.org(email) • <http://www.stmonicakzoo.org>

Hackett Catholic Central High School

Grades 9-12

1000 West Kilgore Road • Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 381-2646 • Fax (269) 381-3919

hackett@hackettcc.org (email) • <http://www.hackettcc.org>

Curriculum

Elementary

Art, Computers, Language Arts, Math, Music, Physical Education, Reading, Religion, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish

Middle School

Art, Band, Computers, Foreign Language, Language Arts, Math including Algebra and Geometry, Music, Physical Education, Religion, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish.

High School

College preparatory curriculum including Anatomy/Physiology, Biology, Business and Computer Applications, Chemistry and Advanced Chemistry, Earth Science, Economics, English, Fine Arts, French, Government, Latin, Math (Algebra through Calculus), Physical Education, Physics, Spanish, Theology and Honors Religion, US History, World History, Yearbook and Advanced Placement in Biology, English, Math, and History.

Technology Status

Over \$330,000 was invested in technology upgrades over the past three years. Internet connected computers are available in all CSGK schools for use by both students and faculty. All schools have networked computer labs in addition to classroom computers. Ongoing professional development is provided in the use of technology in the classroom.



Programs for Gifted Students

Gifted students are appropriately challenged within the regular classroom curriculum. *CSGK* schools also participate in the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center (KAMSC) programs, as well as the Academically Talented Youth Program (ATYP) programs.

Students with Special Needs

CSGK is committed to accepting and educating children with diverse academic and physical abilities to the extent of our capabilities. For students with documented special needs, each school offers appropriate and reasonable educational accommodations that integrate available public sector programs.

Off-Campus Programs

Off campus courses are available through Education for the Arts and Education for Employment for qualified junior and senior high school students.

Programs Promoting Christian Values and a Safe Environment

Daily religion class, Living in Faith Experience, Protecting God's Children, Respect Life, SADD, service projects, Teen Heart

Parent Support Groups

Parents are offered a variety of opportunities at all CSGK schools from PTO to School Advisory Board membership. Parental involvement is an important element of all Catholic schools.

Unique Teaching Strategies

Cooperative learning, developmentally appropriate instruction, team teaching, individualized instruction, and career pathways guidance

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Basketball, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cheerleading, Destination Imagination, Girls on the Run, Global Reading Challenge, Youth Football, Spelling Bee, Swim Club, and Youth Choir

Middle School

Band, Basketball, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Destination Imagination, Football, Volleyball, Math Counts, Science Olympiad, Ski Club, Student Council, Swim Club, Track, and Choir

High School

Clubs

Computer Club, French Club, Latin Club, Literary Magazine, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Respect Life, Spanish Club, Student Council, Student Newspaper, and Varsity Club.

Arts Organizations

Art Club, Choir, Concert Band, Drama Club, and Jazz Band

Sports

Men's: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Ski Team, Soccer, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track, Bowling, and Crew.

Women's: Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Golf, Ski Team, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Bowling, and Crew.

Kalamazoo Christian Schools

Partnering with families to prepare students to serve God



The Kalamazoo Christian Schools have established a solid reputation for excellent academic and extracurricular programs. All subjects are taught with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord over all creation. The Bible is our foundation and guide in our exploration of the world in all of its dimensions.

Extracurricular activities provide us the opportunity to further establish and proclaim Christ's Lordship. Intramural and interscholastic athletics, music, drama and art programs give many of our students an opportunity to develop their talents and leadership skills for service in God's kingdom. More than half of our high school students participate in instrumental or vocal music.



We begin each day with Bible reading and prayer in every classroom. Our curriculum in all grades includes a methodical study of the scriptures, for

which students receive credit as they would for any other course. This curriculum includes memorizing passages of the Bible. At each school, a community service program encourages students to engage in service to others as part of their Christian learning. The spiritual nurturing of every member in our learning community is a high priority for the Kalamazoo Christian Schools. All KCSA staff members are committed Christians and active in their local churches. They provide spiritual leadership in their teaching and in their modeling of the Christian life.

Our schools were recognized for educational excellence by the U.S. Department of Education twice in the last decade. Kalamazoo Christian High School is accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools. East Elementary, West Elementary and our Middle School are accredited by Christian Schools International. Our faculty members are certified, caring, professional educators, many of whom hold masters' degrees.

Our Mission

The Kalamazoo Christian Schools, in partnership with Christian families and churches, prepare students to serve God responsibly in His world, by equipping them with knowledge, skills and a Biblical vision for life, for the advancement of His kingdom.

Superintendent: John Blumenstein

Enrollment inquiries:

Kathy Bartels

Admissions

Kalamazoo Christian School Association

2121 Stadium Drive

Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1692

Phone: (269) 381-2044 Fax: (269) 381-2408

Web Site: www.kcsa.org

Curriculum

Elementary

The KCSA elementary curriculum focuses on development of basic skills. The centerpiece of our curriculum is a systematic study of the Bible, including scripture memorization. We use a balanced literacy approach to language arts in the early elementary grades. The Chicago math program emphasizes hands-on activities for young learners. Students also learn to explore the beauty and wonder of God's world in science. All students participate in art, music and physical education classes. Spanish is taught in kindergarten through

2nd grade. Technology instruction begins in kindergarten and includes full keyboarding by 3rd grade. Swimming instruction is provided in 4th grade. Band instruction begins in 5th grade.

Middle School

In addition to rigorous instruction in the basics, Kalamazoo Christian Middle School offers many different exploratory courses, including photography, drama, sculpture, Christian view of athletics and more. Students also take part in band and choir. Several concerts are performed each year.

High School

At the high school level, many electives, including language and fine arts courses, are offered. Students may participate in advanced placement classes, technology classes or Kalamazoo Math & Science Center classes when appropriate. Although most of our graduates choose to continue their education at a college or university, some opt for technical school or a career in the military. Our high school curriculum offers excellent preparation for various post-high school educational options.

Technology

Every elementary classroom has at least two computers for student use. In addition, students use the well-equipped, networked computer labs in their buildings, which are also used for technology instruction for grades K-5. Technology instruction continues at the middle school, where students use computers in the media center, the main computer lab and a mobile lab. At the high school, students receive advanced technology instruction in one of the computer labs, while the applications lab is available for student research.

Admissions

To qualify for admission in any of the Kalamazoo Christian Schools, parents must:

- be Christians and actively involved in a local church
- be able to sign a statement of agreement with the purpose of the Kalamazoo Christian School Association
- commit themselves to faithful involvement in the schools through active participation in parent activities and prompt payment of tuition obligations

No person is denied admission on the basis of sex, race, color or national origin.

Special Programs

Our special services program offers an Academic Support room in every

school to provide some students the extra help they need to be successful. Specially trained staff members are able to identify and help students with a variety of learning disabilities, including dyslexia and ADD. We do not have a special education program.

Parent Support Groups

The elementary and middle schools have active parent support groups. At the high school, parents can play an important role in the Comet Athletic Booster Club, High School Circle, Parents In Action for Kids (PAK), Exploring Career Opportunities (ECO) or the community service program.

Friends and Supporters

The Kalamazoo Christian Schools enjoy a broad base of support from parents, grandparents, churches, businesses, foundations and other friends of Christian education throughout the greater Kalamazoo area, the state of Michigan and the entire United States.

Individuals representing a wide variety of professions are actively involved in volunteer positions such as school councils and KCSA Board, committees, the Comet Booster Club, parent support groups and many other organizations that help fill the needs of our schools. The Kalamazoo Christian School Association also enjoys strong partnerships with many local churches and pastors.



School Locations

Preschool only

Haven Reformed Church
5350 North Sprinkle Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Preschool - 5th Grade

Kalamazoo Christian
East Elementary School
5196 Comstock Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-3476

Kalamazoo Christian
West Elementary School
3800 South 12th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-9551

6th - 8th Grades

Kalamazoo Christian
Middle School
3333 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-2995

9th - 12th Grades

Kalamazoo Christian
High School
2121 Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1692

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Both of our elementary schools offer Accelerated Reader programs and Battle of the Books to enhance our reading and writing curriculum. We have also enjoyed the benefits of a partnership with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, thanks to grants written by members of our staff. Both elementary schools offer after-school child care programs.

Middle School

Kalamazoo Christian Middle School offers intramural athletics for grades 6-8. There is also an intramural tournament in golf. Students in grades 7-8 may participate in interscholastic competition in football, track, cross country, girls' volleyball and boys' or girls' basketball.

High School

High School Clubs: Close-Up, Games Club, Foreign Travel, National Honor Society, Praise Band, Quiz Bowl, Ski Club, Spiritual Life, Student Government, Video Crew, Yearbook, Small Group Bible Study

High School Arts Organizations: Bands, Choir, Drama

High School Sports (Class C): *Men's*: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Track & Field. *Women's*: Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball



Call 381-2044

or visit

www.kcsa.org

today for more
information!

Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center

The Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC) delivers a challenging, accelerated education in mathematics, science and technology to selected 9-12 graders in Kalamazoo County.

Students can apply to the program in the eighth grade, and if accepted, spend a half-day at KAMSC in intensive math, science and/or computer courses. Many of KAMSC students participate in the academic mentorship program, which allows them to work on a project with a community professional at their work place. KAMSC also provides enriching activities for all local K-12 students and teachers.

Total projected enrollment: 300

Director: Dr. Brenda P. Earhart

For more information: (269) 337-0004

Web Site: www.KAMSCOnline.com

Location: 600 West Vine Street, Suite 400
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Admission

Students apply for admission to the program while in the eighth grade, although some students are admitted at upper grade levels and approximately 75 are admitted to the ninth grade each year. Student selection is based on multiple criteria including an entrance exam, normed test scores, academic accomplishments, student's questionnaire responses and teacher recommendations that are analyzed by an independent review panel. Students must have demonstrated interest and potential in both science and mathematics.



Curriculum

Accelerated core curriculum for grades 9-12 includes one year of Information Technology, one year of computer studies, four years of science (biology; chemistry; physics, and an elective science course), three years of integrated mathematics and one year of calculus as an elective. Basic research and problem solving skills are an integral component of the curriculum. Faculty members hold at least master's degrees in their content areas. KAMSC has many certified on-line instructors and offers two on-line courses to KAMSC students. Some staff members develop and/or teach on-line courses including some made available through the Michigan Virtual High School. KAMSC has five National Board Certified Teachers.

Courses

Biology, Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III, Information Technology, Chemistry, Computer Studies, Physics, Geology, Technology Enhanced AP Calculus (AB and BC), AP Chemistry, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Bio-Medical Science, Geology, Microbiology, Organic Chemistry, Advanced Physics, AP Biology, AP Computer Science, Applications in Mathematics, Bioethics, Discrete Math, Advanced Calculus (multi-variable), KAMSC Mentorship, Research Science, AP Environmental Science and AP Statistics. Also offered are two on-line courses: Bio-Ethics and Evolution of Scientific Thought.

Student Research

All students, within the first three years of the core curriculum, participate in an intensive and guided research based program. The program is a stair-step approach to teaching and practicing research concepts, including library research skills, science process skills, analysis skills using statistics and writing and oral communication skills. Students present their research projects at the end of the year. Some students become involved with long-term research projects within the community.

Mentorship

The capstone of the KAMSC student experience is the involvement in a mentorship. Under the direction of the mentorship coordinator, seniors are paired with scientists, mathematicians, educators and other professionals in the community for a semester to develop a greater in-depth understanding of that professional field.

Outreach Programs for Youth

Enrichment activities are provided for K-8 students conducted by KAMSC staff and students, as well as student conferences and a summer program with over 50 hands-on enrichment courses. Also, a pre-college engineering program is offered that focuses on increasing participation in science and mathematics by minorities and other under-represented groups.

Professional Development

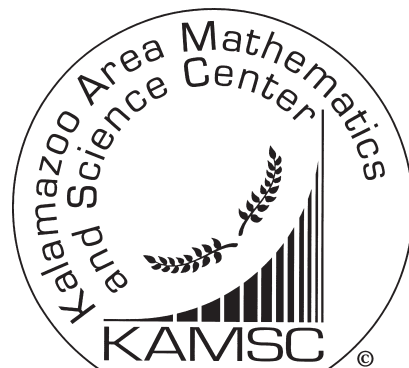
Professional development opportunities are provided that engage mathematics, science and technology educators (K-12) in best practices in classroom instructional strategies and assessment through the Center.

Community Involvement

Serves as a catalyst for community involvement in mathematics, science and technology education through continued collaboration and partnerships with school districts, colleges / universities, and business, industry and community organizations.

Facilities

Because of the quality of its laboratories, leading-edge multi-media equipment and computers with direct Internet access; KAMSC has been described as having “the best equipped secondary-level laboratory in the entire region.” KAMSC is equipped with three computer labs, each having access to the KAMSC network and Internet access through its Fiber Optic Internet Connection. Network and Internet access is available in all classrooms to provide students with on-line reference materials to conduct research, write papers and learn new programs. Digital video and editing equipment is also available to all students. All classrooms are equipped with the latest technology and wireless access to the network and Internet. A 166 seat interactive multi-media Presentation Center for use in the Outreach Program and the on-site accelerated program. KAMSC occupies the fourth floor of the Community Education Center (CEC) located at Vine and Westnedge near downtown Kalamazoo.



Paramount Charter Academy

Bridge to Learning

Situated on the busiest street in Kalamazoo, Paramount Charter Academy is positioned next to an old pedestrian bridge. Every day, students and parents, grandparents and grandchildren cross over or drive under the bridge to get to Paramount. This bridge symbolizes our mission: building a bridge to the future. “The secret of success is keeping to your purpose.” - Benjamin Disraeli, British statesman

Paramount students receive a “back to basics” education, focused on creating strong reading and math skills. In addition to the rigorous academics, students learn about and practice values based on the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude. Students are expected to work hard during the day at school and continue the learning process at home each night. Paramount teachers believe that homework is a necessary reinforcement tool. Kindergartners as well as eighth grade students have homework through the week.

Meeting individual academic needs is possible because Paramount Charter Academy tests students three times per year with the NWEA Test (North West Educational Association), a nationally-normed test. This test allows us to diagnosis individual student’s strengths and weaknesses and plan accordingly.

These words summarize the philosophy of Paramount Charter Academy. Our purpose is realized by successfully providing all students with a focused learning environment through challenging curricula, and by incorporating character development and developing personal responsibility. This realization is most effectively accomplished in partnership with the home and the community. In keeping with our purpose, every daily action is geared toward this mission.

■ Total enrollment: 637

■ Class Size: Y5: 21
 K: 27
 1-5: 28
 6-8: 27

■ Percentage of graduates who further their education: 100%!!!

Principal: Dr. Sharon Lockett-Gibson
For more information call: 269-553-6400
Website:
www.paramountcharteracademy.org

Curriculum

Saxon Math, Shurley Grammar, Open Court Reading, Thinking Maps, and Writer’s Workshop. Music, art, physical education, Spanish and French

(K) - Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Art, Music, Physical Education, Library. (grades 1-5) – Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Spanish, Art, Music, Physical Education, Computers or Keyboarding, Band, Choir, Library.

Middle School (grades 6-8) - Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Spanish, French, Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, Computers or Keyboarding, Band, and Choir.

Parent/Community Support Groups

Family Council; Band Boosters; School improvement teams; parent participation is not only welcomed, but also encouraged. Parents help with daily lunch duty, as a classroom helper, or a field trip chaperon.

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Y5 Half Day and Full Day Kindergartens; team teaching, Accelerated Reader, Thinking Maps, Baldrige Systems.

Programs for Academically Talented Students

Incorporated into regular classroom curriculum. Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, Midwest Academic Talent Search competition.

Programs for Special Needs Students

Social Worker, Special Education, Title I and 31a services, Speech Services, Reading Specialist, Operation Breakthrough.

Technical Status

Computer Lab, computers with internet access in every classroom, classroom TV/VCR/DVD, student digital and video cameras. Full-time on-site technical expertise.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Daily moral focus lessons, leadership courses, community service, Covey training, I-Safe, SIRENS

Before and After School Programs

Academic Support and Tutoring, Sports, before and after school child care

Extra Curricular Activities

Elementary: Book Fair, Jump Rope for Heart, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Girls on the Run, Girls on Track, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Accelerated Reader Programs, Continental Math League, Global Reading Challenge, School Carnival, St. Patrick's Day Dance, Holiday Parade, Field Trips, Toys for Tots

Middle School: includes the above as well as the Safety Patrol, Flag Football, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Ethnic Fair, Science Fair, Future City, Student Council, community services.

Arts Organizations

Traditional Bands, Jazz Band, Choirs, Yearbook

Additional Facts

Dress Code in effect. Chartered by Bay Mills Community College. We are publicly funded, and tuition free. Focus is on back-to-basics curriculum and moral character development.

Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency

The Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency provides high-quality educational programs and services to students and educators in Kalamazoo County's public and non-public schools. From special education programs to arts education opportunities, Kalamazoo RESA collaborates with local districts to equip our students with the skills they will need to be successful.

Superintendent: Ronald L. Fuller
For more information call: (269) 385-1500
Web Site: www.kresa.org

Kalamazoo RESA is one of 57 intermediate school districts established in Michigan more than 30 years ago. We are a regional service agency that provides cooperative programs and services that benefit students in all of our nine constituent districts. This provides a cost-effective way for students in all districts to access a range of opportunities.

Students in Kalamazoo County who want to examine career opportunities, for example, can enroll in the Education for Employment program that offers them classroom instruction and hands-on training in a variety of fields. Special education programs allow students with disabilities to receive the support they need to be successful.

Although many of our programs focus on K-12 education in Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo RESA's programs and services don't stop at the county line. Some of our services reach districts throughout the state. In addition, we're not only serving students, but the entire community. From support services for parents to employment and training services for people of all ages, Kalamazoo RESA has programs to meet the needs of the entire family.

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Kalamazoo RESA from A to Z: A Summary of Kalamazoo RESA Programs and Services

Administrative/Fiscal Services

In addition to overseeing the business operation of Kalamazoo RESA programs and services, the Business Office offers assistance to the districts served by Kalamazoo RESA in areas including pupil accounting, fiscal planning and coordination of state and federal projects.

Autistic Impaired Program

With classrooms housed within Portage Public Schools, Schoolcraft Community Schools, Parchment School District and Croyden Avenue School, the Autistic Impaired Program provides instruction to students with autism as well as training and support for their parents.

Instructional Center

The Instructional Center provides focused, research-based support to districts that is aimed at improving student achievement. Professional development opportunities and consultation are provided at Kalamazoo RESA and in local school districts.

Croyden Avenue School

Croyden houses the severely mentally impaired program that provides instructional and support services to students with multiple disabilities.

Early On

This program is a community network of services for children birth to 3 years old who have developmental delays, a medical condition and/or a diagnosed syndrome.

Education for the Arts

EFA is a countywide program that provides arts education opportunities to all K-12 students in Kalamazoo RESA's service area.

Education for Employment

EFE provides Kalamazoo County students with the knowledge and skills necessary for making wise decisions as they pursue their educational and occupational future.

Hearing Impaired Program

The Hearing Impaired Program consists of classroom teachers, teacher consultants and interpreters who plan, coordinate and implement services for students with hearing impairments.

Juvenile Home Schools

Comprised of the Intensive Learning Center and Youth Center School, the Juvenile Home Schools provide educational instruction to adjudicated youth in Kalamazoo County.

Pre-Primary Evaluation Team

P.E.T. provides developmental assessment for children ages 0-6 who live within Kalamazoo RESA's service area.

Ready, Set, Succeed!

This birth-to-six program is designed to prepare parents to help their children reach their highest possible potential.

Regional Educational Media Center

REMC-12 is one of 22 Regional Educational Media Centers across the state. REMC-12 provides services to school districts designed to save time and money on printing, media, and instructional and audiovisual materials.

Technology Services

This department provides schools with computer training, Internet services and software and hardware support services in school financial accounting, human resources, payroll, student records and special education.

Transition Services

Kalamazoo RESA, Michigan Department of Career Development - Rehabilitation Services and Kalamazoo County schools work together to provide students with adult employment, related services and linkages to community services prior to school exit.

Transportation Services

The Transportation Department provides districts with a variety of services including Segment 2 driver's education, bus driver training and management, and auto, trucking and motorcycle skills testing.

Valley Center School

VCS delivers special education services to students with emotional impairments or unique behavioral needs.

Visually Impaired Program

This program provides instructional support and adaptive equipment to students with visual impairments.

Young Adult Program

YAP provides instructional services to young people with disabilities, 18-26 years of age, to assist with their transition from school to adult community living.

Youth Opportunities Unlimited

YOU provides free employment and training services through Michigan Works grants to people of all ages to assist individuals in the goal of becoming self-sufficient.

Constituent Public School Districts

Local Districts

Climax-Scotts Community Schools
 Comstock Public Schools
 Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
 Gull Lake Community Schools
 Kalamazoo Public Schools
 Parchment School District

Portage Public Schools
 Schoolcraft Community Schools
 Vicksburg Community Schools

Charter Schools

Oakland Academy
 Paramount Charter Academy

Education for the Arts (EFA)

Education for the Arts is a countywide program developed by Kalamazoo County citizens with the mission of enhancing arts education for all K-12 students in public and non-public schools. EFA makes dance, literary arts, music, media arts, theatre and visual arts an essential part of every student's education. EFA has two major components: Excellence in the Arts and Arts for All.

- Number of Students in Excellence in the arts: 288
- Number of Students in Arts for All: All K-12 Students in Kalamazoo County

Director: Dr. Jeffrey Harkins
For more information: (269) 385-1521
Web Site: www.kresa.org/efa

Arts for All

Arts for All is designed to enhance the education and personal development of all students at all grade levels by integrating the arts into the curriculum and learning environment of all schools. This is accomplished through developing and supporting artists-in-residence programs, grants to teachers and students for arts projects, professional development opportunities, extra-curricular and summer enrichment programs, workshops and seminars, touring professional arts organizations in the schools and many other innovative approaches. Arts for All is made possible by extensive collaboration and cooperation with the many artists and arts organizations in the community.

Arts for All Programs

EFA Presents - Makes available to K-8 schools live performances of professional theatre and dance companies as well as visual arts exhibitions. EFA subsidizes the cost of these programs, along with the transportation costs, in order to make them affordable to the schools.

Professional Artists and Cooperating Educators (PACE) - Elementary and middle school students work with theatre and dance professionals in curricular or extracurricular programs.



School Project Grants - Teachers of all grades and disciplines can apply for grants to enhance arts activities in their classrooms.

Artistic Development Grants for Educators - Allows teachers the opportunity to develop their own artistic abilities and bring those skills back to the classroom.

Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Scholarships - Students grades K-12 may apply for grants to support their artistic development through private instruction, workshops, classes or internships.

Irving S. Gilmore Student Artistic Equipment Program - Students in grades 6-12 may apply for grants to assist in the purchase of artistic equipment not traditionally available through rental markets.

LCI Aesthetic Education Program - Modeled after the program at Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts in Education, this program exposes elementary and middle school students to professional works of art as they are led through experiential workshops by teaching artists and classroom teachers trained in the philosophy of aesthetic education.

Excellence in the Arts

Excellence in the Arts offers the equivalent of an arts magnet high school curriculum to students in six arts disciplines. Artistically talented or highly motivated students from all public and non-public high schools in the county can enroll in courses that provide access to quality instruction and programming not available in the local high schools. Classes are taught in a variety of cultural centers in the community. Classroom sites or partnerships include: the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Whole Art Theater, Western Michigan University, the Epic Center for the Arts, Ballet Arts Studio and Wellspring Dance. Some programs are at school sites with outstanding resources, such as the Musical Theatre Workshop in Portage and the film and video studio in Vicksburg.



Excellence in the Arts Programs

Course Title	Locations
Dance I - Beginning Technique and Choreography	Ballet Arts Dance Studio Wellspring Dance - Epic Center Kalamazoo Central High School
Dance II - Advanced Technique and Choreography	Western Michigan University
Design for Digital Media	The Epic Center for the Arts Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Media Arts I - Fine Arts Film and Video	The Epic Center for the Arts Vicksburg High School
Advanced Multi-Media Arts	The Epic Center for the Arts
Drama, Screenwriting and Performance Poetry	Epic Center Theatre
Advanced Musical Theatre Workshop	Portage Central High School
Music for Life	The Epic Center for the Arts
Advanced 2D/3D Art	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Integrated Dance/PE/Health	Wellspring Dance - Epic Center
Four Weekends at the KIA	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Introduction to Media Design	Online Course

Kalamazoo County Education for Employment (EFE)



Kalamazoo County
Education For Employment
Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency

Mission: Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Careers
Education for Employment (EFE) enrolled **4,464** high school students in **37** different Career and Tech Ed programs through cooperation with Kalamazoo County high schools, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and business and industry.

Arts & Communication

- Art & Design Career Skills
- Photography
- Radio Broadcasting
- Theatre Technology
- TV Production

Health Sciences

- Allied Health
- Dental Assistant
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Health Occupations
- Pharmacy Technician

Human Services

- Cosmetology/Barbering
- Early Childhood Education
- Law Enforcement
- Teacher Cadet

Natural Resources & Agriculture

- Animal Science
- Animal Technology
- Zoology/Botany
- Veterinary Science

Business Management, Marketing & Technology

- Accounting/Finance
- Banking
- Business Administration Management & Operations
- Computer Network Administration
- Computer Technology
- Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Management
- Marketing
- Entrepreneurship
- Web Design/Graphics

Engineering, Manufacturing & Industrial Technology

- Automotive Collision Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Technology
- Construction Trades
- Drafting Technology
- Electrical Technology Construction
- Electro-Mechanical Technology
- Furniture & Cabinetmaking
- Heat, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Machine Tool Technology
- Welding



Pharmacy Technician



Welding

06-07 Core Performance Indicators based on 05-06 EFE Senior Population

**Data distributed from MI. Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education

	Federal Required	State Actual	Kalamazoo County
Academic Achievement	63.57%	74.54%	83.18%
Technical Achievement	87.39%	89.40%	91.13%
High School Completion	95.00%	99.12%	100.00%
Placement	94.91%	94.54%	97.06%
Non-Traditional Enrollment	34.49%	15.35%	16.31%
Non-Traditional Completion	31.55%	13.62%	18.27%

85 of 86 Outstanding 06-07 EFE Seniors received EFE scholarships and cash awards, equivalent to \$55,000

991 06-07 EFE students received the opportunity for college credit through their EFE programs



Kalamazoo County
Education for Employment
Articulation Summary

EFE COURSE	BAKER COLLEGE	DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY	GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWEST OHIO
Accounting	8	8	3	3		
Allied Health	12	6	5	5		
Art & Design Career Skills				3		
Automotive Technology	16		10	10		12
BMA	36	22	16	14		
Banking		3				
Computer Technology	20	9		6		
Construction Trades				7		
Drafting, CAD	20		3	16		
Early Childhood Education	16		3		3	
Electro Mechanical	8			11		
Emergency Medical Technician				9		
HVAC				Dual Enrollment		6
Health Occupations	8	7	5	5		
Law Enforcement		6	6	9		
Machine Tool			7	10		
Marketing	16	15				
Network Administration	16	9	4	6		
Web Design	8	4				
Welding				Dual Enrollment		

Kalamazoo RESA ■ Education for Employment
 1819 E Milham Rd ■ Kalamazoo, MI 49002 ■ 269.385.1519 ■ Kresa.org/efe

Ready, Set, Succeed!

Ready, Set, Succeed! is a countywide program developed to serve parents with children from birth to age 6 (not yet in kindergarten.) Our mission is to provide all parents with child development information, age-appropriate activities, and resources to help promote their child's and family's healthy development.

- Parents want their children to reach their full potential.
- Parents are the child's first and best teachers!
- Ready, Set, Succeed! is free, voluntary and guaranteed to be thoroughly enjoyable!

Program Administrator: Kristi Carambula

For more information: (269) 488-7599

Web Site: www.kresa.org

Click on Great Start

Home Visits

At your invitation, a certified parent educator will share information on child development, bring an age-appropriate activity for you and your child to do together, and, with you, observe your child's play and development. Visits last 30 to 60 minutes and are scheduled at your convenience.



Playgroups

Playgroups consist of small groups of parents with their children and a parent educator. Each playgroup is filled with fun activities based on a children's book. They meet daytime and evenings at your local elementary school. Call for your reservation.

Developmental Screenings

Screenings provide opportunities to monitor your child's growth related to standard measures of child development. They usually reassure parents that their child is meeting developmental milestones within typical age ranges. If issues are identified that may effect future learning, referrals will be made to our Early On or Preprimary Evaluation Team for observation and assessment.

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Special Education Services

Approximately 11 percent of all students in Kalamazoo County use special education services. The majority of these students receive a small amount of extra instruction in speech and language, or other academic areas, as part of their school day. In addition, students with severe mental and/or physical disabilities may attend classes with general and/or special education students. Schools provide the extra assistance they need to be successful.

- Number of Kalamazoo County K-12 students involved in Special Education: 4,408

Services

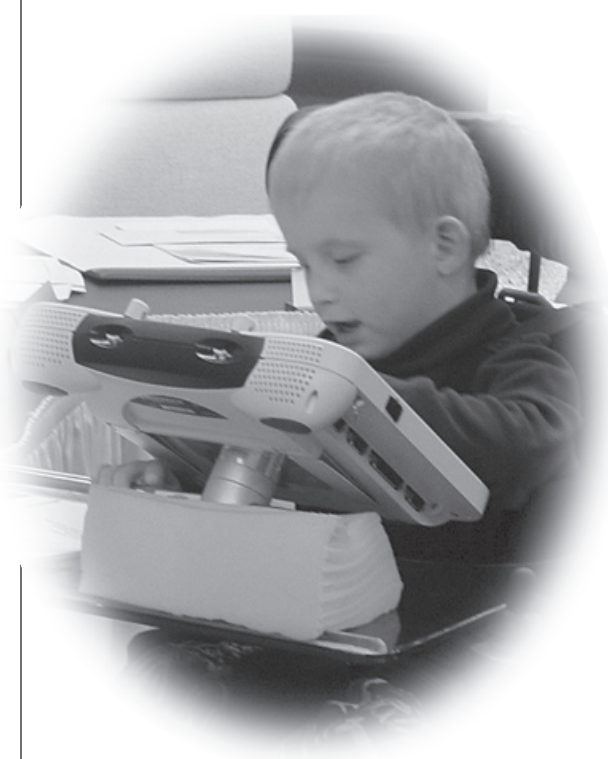
All eligible persons birth to 26-years-old can receive the special education assistance they need. Below are some of the services available in Kalamazoo County and numbers to call for more information.

Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (Kalamazoo RESA)

Call (269) 385-1534 for more information

- Instruction and consultation for students who are hearing impaired
- Instruction, consultation, orientation and mobility services for students who are visually impaired
- Classrooms and consultations for students with autism
- Evaluations for children from birth to age five
- Early On, for children birth to three years of age and their families
- Family, Infant and Toddler Program
- Croyden Avenue School, for students who are severely cognitively and/or multiply impaired
- The Young Adult Program for students who require post secondary education and work experiences
- Valley Center, for students who are severely emotionally impaired or have serious behavioral problems
- Classrooms at Lakeside for Children
- Educational services for students in the Juvenile Home
- Planning, monitoring and data collection
- Professional development for school staff

If you suspect that your child or young adult has a disability, call (269) 385-1534 for assistance.



Kalamazoo Public Schools

Call (269) 337-0161 for more information

Programs for students who are hearing impaired

Comstock Public Schools

Call (269) 388-9466 for more information

Special Vocational Educational Programs

Regional Service Areas

Contact individual school districts

Speech and Language Services
School Psychologists and Social Workers
Instruction and consultation for students in general and special education classrooms
Related Services, including evaluations and consultation are provided to special education students in non-public schools

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Allegan Public Schools

Allegan Public Schools, located in the heart of Allegan County, has a long-standing commitment to excellence! Student achievement in the areas of academics, the arts, and athletics continues to be our focus. All Allegan secondary schools are fully accredited through The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA); and our facilities have undergone complete renovations in the last few years, including passage of a bond issue in 2000 to build a \$19 million performing arts center and community swimming pool. Although growth means new challenges and opportunities, Allegan continues to maintain a small town atmosphere that fosters pride and traditional values. Come grow with us!

- Total Enrollment: 2,805
- Class Size:
 - Elementary: 23
 - Middle Schools: 24
 - High School: 22
- Percentage of graduates: 96%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 70-75%

Superintendent: Kevin Harness
For more information call (269) 673-5431
Web Site: www.alleganpublicschools.org

Curriculum

Elementary

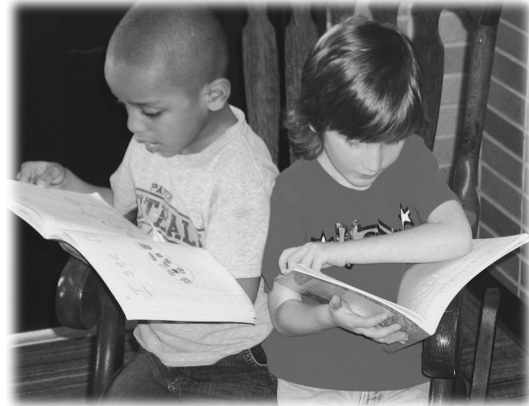
Competency-directed curriculum with innovative strategies emphasizing literacy skills at all levels. Art, music, physical education “specials” and supported at all levels by a full Special Education Program.

Middle School

Humanities, Math & Science, with Band, Vocal Music, Art, Tech. Ed., Careers, and a complete Special Education Program. Also includes Spanish and Physical Education

High School

Career Pathways is integrated into the school's curriculum by categorizing the high school courses into six major areas of study: Arts & Communication; Business & Technology; Engineering & Manufacturing; Health Sciences; Human Services; and Natural Resources & Agriscience. Allegan High School offers a complete course selection including all core subjects, as well as stimulating electives such as



forensics, stagecraft, marketing, computer applications, French and Spanish, to name a few. Twelve AP courses are also available to students in various science, social studies, language arts, and foreign language fields.

Programs for Gifted Students

Destination Imagination, Science Olympiad, Debate & Forensics, Quiz Bowl, Knowledge Masters, and various enrichment programs for gifted and talented students offered before and after school. Also: Advanced Placement (AP) offerings at high school level.

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Differentiated Learning incorporated at all levels. At elementary level, extensive assessment data is collected through DIBELS and AIMS diagnostic assessments on each individual student to track literacy improvements.

Language! program emphasizes reading comprehension at all levels. Middle School utilizes team teaching approach. High School is on trimester schedule to maximize flexibility.

Technological Status

Fiber-optic connection throughout the district, providing Internet access for all students. Refurbished computer labs at every school, as well as computer instruction for all levels. Wireless labs, “Smartboards,” and other teaching tools utilized throughout district.

Alternative Education

The Allegan Public School District operates one of the premier Alternative High Schools in the area. Students are enrolled by referral from Allegan High School, as well as from surrounding high schools through the School of Choice process. The Allegan Alternative High School

offers a comprehensive high school completion program for students in grades 9-12 who have not been successful in a traditional high school setting. A dedicated staff encourages vocational and cooperative educational opportunities; as well as providing remedial instruction and fostering individual responsibility in students. Also available are Adult Education and G.E.D. courses and testing, and Credit Recovery programs.

Programs for Students with Special Needs

School Based Day One, Head Start, Young 4's (ISD program), Young 5's, PPI, Title I Reading, Full Range of Special Education

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

MiBLSi elementary behavior incentive program, P.A.L.S. - Peer Assisted Listeners (High School), district-wide Crisis Intervention Plan (worked out in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies), and T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring)

Facilities

A recently passed bond issue provided funds for the building of a community pool complex (featuring an 8-lane competition pool and a leisure pool) and a 1000-seat performing arts center at the high school. This facility opened to much acclaim in 2003 and is being used extensively in 2004 by students, families, and the entire community.

Parent Support Groups

PTO (elementary and middle school), Athletic Boosters (middle school and high school), Band Boosters, and Kids' Hope mentoring at all elementary levels

Before/After School Programs, Summer Programs

Tiger's Den daycare available for half-day kindergartners. Community Recreation Activities include swimming, tennis, baseball/softball and soccer.

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Destination Imagination, Knowledge Masters, Accelerated Readers, Spelling Bee, Young Authors, Conflict Managers, Safety Patrol and Student Council are some of the extracurricular activities at the elementary level.

Middle School

Destination Imagination, Knowledge Masters, Science Olympiad, Choir, Drama, Band, Art Club, Boys' & Girls' Basketball, Cross Country, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Track, Football

High School Clubs

DECA, Forensics, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, French Club, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Students, Michigan Youth in Government, Junior Rotarians, Equestrian Club

Arts Organizations

Choir, Band, Drama (school plays and musicals), Colorguard and Winterguard

Sports

(Class B)

Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Baseball, Track, Softball, Swimming, Bowling

Community Sports

AYSO, City Recreation, Rocket Football, Allegan Youth Baseball, Softball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Basketball

Gobles Public Schools

Gobles Public Schools has been called “the best kept secret in Southwest Michigan” because the school climate consistently produces outstanding results in a small, friendly and caring environment for students. Staff members across the district receive Quality Schools training in creating meaningful relationships with students and creating meaningful classroom experiences.

- Total Enrollment: 1,036
- Class Size Averages:
Elementary: 20
Middle School: 24
High School: 26
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 90%

Superintendent: Brenda Wilson
For more information call: (269) 628-5618
Web Site: www.gobles.org

Curriculum

Elementary (K-6)

Math, Reading, Language, Writing, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music and Art. The Michigan Curriculum Framework and Grade Level Content Expectations are followed. We have all-day every-day kindergarten.

Middle School (7-8)

English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Band, Quest, Keyboarding, Home Economics, Career Education, Physical Education, Art, Computers, Spanish, Music, Drama, Environmental Science, Weight Lifting/Conditioning and Industrial Arts.

High School (9-12)

Biology, Advance Placement Biology, Integrated Science, Physical Science, Life Science, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education, Computer Skills, Co-Ed Physical Education, English, Health, American Literature, Woods, Algebra I-II, Composition, Home Economics, Band, Art I-IV, US History, World History,



Advanced Placement US History, Government, Advanced Placement English, Spanish I-IV, Geometry, Trigonometry/Analysis, Advanced Placement Calculus, World Geography, Family Living, and Career and Technical Education through the Van Buren Intermediate School District for juniors and seniors.

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Our teachers are current in best practices and employ various, innovative and engaging teaching methods, such as team teaching, writing across the curriculum, integrated learning, real-life activities, higher order thinking skills, differentiated instruction, accelerated reader, and silent sustained reading.

Programs for Students with Special Needs

The Classroom Assistance Program is for elementary at-risk students and those who need extra support. This program provides one-to-one assistance, quiet room for testing and special assistance for students. We also provide Special Education and 504 programs.

At the secondary level, our special needs services are coordinated by the district's intervention specialist who oversees special education and Section 504 education plans for students.

Educational Technology

The Gobles community is committed to providing modern technology tools for use in the instructional program. In addition to four or more computers in each classroom, the elementary school has three general purpose computer labs, and the middle/high school has four computer labs. All computers are networked and have filtered access to the Internet. Each classroom is equipped with multimedia equipment, plus additional equipment such as digital cameras, scanners and CD/DVD burners. Teachers routinely use technology tools as part of the instructional program. The district operates a state-of-the-art distance learning lab that is also connected to every classroom.

School-to-home communication is very important in the Gobles Public Schools District. Every classroom has a telephone and each teacher has a personal voice mailbox. All teachers and support staff also have an email address. All student accounting, attendance, grades and many other administrative functions are computerized. Teachers routinely email progress reports to parents who request them, but parents may access this information at any time through the Internet parent portal. The district maintains an up-to-date Web site that contains announcements, upcoming events and other school news. Visit us at www.gobles.org.

Programs for Gifted Students

Gobles has an Academically Talented program, as well as dual enrollment at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College and Davenport University.

Gobles High School offers advanced placement (AP) courses in each of the four core areas of English, History, Biology and Calculus.

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary – Community activities available include AYSO, Ski Club, Rocket Football, Cheerleading, Youth Basketball, Little League, Girl Scouts and Brownies.

Middle School – Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Band, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Track, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Football, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Student Council.

High School – Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Student Council, SADD, Biology Club, Forensics, Band, Drama/Play. Class C sports include Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Track, Girls' Volleyball and Softball, Boys' Football and Baseball, Wrestling, Golf, Cross Country and Cheerleading. Community sports available to middle/high school students are Soccer and Ski Club.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

These programs include SADD for high school, Quest for middle school, and various programs including Character Counts for elementary students.



Lawton Community Schools

Welcome to Lawton, a friendly community that cares about its children and their education. The first district in Michigan to implement a K-12 Competency-Based Education, Lawton continues to be an innovative district whose mission begins with “Setting the highest standard in academic excellence.” Our new and renovated buildings enhance our rigorous academic program, based on Michigan’s Curriculum Framework. Come be part of our success!

■ Total Enrollment: 1,100

■ Class Size:

Elementary: 24

Middle School: 24

High School: 23

Superintendent Mr. Joseph Trimboli
Lawton Community Schools is a School of Choice District. For an application or more information, call (269) 624-7901 or visit us on the web at www.lawtoncs.org



Success!

Lawton Community Schools is accredited by the North Central Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. Our current process of continuous improvement includes district goals in math and writing as well as building goals including reading, wellness, and positive behavior. Lawton Community Schools received a 2008-2009 Excellence in Education Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards for excellence in science. Each school continues to meet Michigan’s rigorous standards for Adequate Yearly Progress each year on the State’s *Education, Yes!* report card. Success also shows in our high scores on

Michigan’s challenging MEAP and Michigan Merit Assessments.

Lawton Elementary School

Lawton Elementary School is located at the corner of Second Street and Primary Way in Lawton. Students and parents alike appreciate the atmosphere that focuses on student achievement as well as personalized attention. Lawton Elementary School provides education for Lawton’s youngest learners including preschool programs, family programs, and all day kindergarten.

Lawton Middle School

Lawton Middle School, located on the secondary campus off of 29th Street, is a twenty-first century campus where teachers use modern tools and techniques along with traditional one-on-one attention to assist students in mastering the basics and preparing for high school.

Lawton High School

Lawton High School, located on the secondary campus off of 29th street is a twenty-first century campus that connects students to Michigan Merit Curriculum here at home, to career and technical education through our Intermediate School District, and to the community college through our distance learning lab.

Lawton Alternative School

Lawton Alternative School, located in the historic Lawton School on Nursery Street, provided a select number of students an opportunity to focus on success. Students work individually and at their own pace. Students are supported by the consistency and care of a one-on-one instructor.

Parent Support Groups

Parents play an important role in the life of our school and community. Volunteers are essential to our success. Parents also participate in Athletic Boosters and the Lawton Parents' Group. Families participate in family reading night. Annual open houses, regular parent-teacher conferences, and other special family events are available at each building level.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

Lawton students participate in D.A.R.E. and act as fifth grade safeties in the Lawton Elementary *Road to Success* Program. Lawton Elementary was recently approved for a grant providing support to school wide integrated positive behavior support. At the middle level, middle school teacher training is assisting teachers on reducing bullying and focusing on student learning. Middle School students at risk are often provided a mentor through the M&M Club. High School positive behavior is a building-wide goal supported by the school improvement team. Student programs including SADD promote good decision making during the teen years. Lawton Parents, Community Members, and Alumni, on recent surveys, consistently list a safe and orderly environment as a strength of all of our schools.

Programs for Gifted Students

Interscholastic academic competition including spelling bees, Science Olympiad, and math competition provide extra opportunities for enrichment. Inquiry based science, pro-solve problem-solving competition, and Renaissance Reading at all levels provide students with individual success and challenging opportunities for all. Partnerships with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Kellogg Biological Station help students find individual talents. Dual enrollment at local colleges provides extra opportunities for high school students. Advanced Placement Classes are being offered at Lawton High School beginning in the 2008-2009 school year.

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Lawton Community Schools mission statement places "The educational needs and safety of our students first in mind." This has put emphasis on research-based instruction and management including the models from Professional Learning Communities, *Love and Logic*, and the work of Harry Wong. Differentiated Instruction as well as high standards for all are used to promote excellence in the classroom. Each teacher also spends nine hours or more on professional development outside of school hours to keep skills sharp and provide innovative programs.

Technology at Lawton Community Schools

Internet access is available to all students and staff at Lawton Community Schools. Networked labs at each level play a role in curriculum which emphasizes the role of the computer as a tool in personal success. An additional lab at both the high school and middle school provide students an opportunity to use the computer as needed. Teacher stations in each classroom provide teachers with access to multimedia demonstrations and films for every imaginable subject matter.



GO BLUE DEVILS!

We are proud of our teams!

Middle School Teams Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Wrestling, Cross-Country, and Track and Field

High School Teams Cheerleading, Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Track and Field, Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball, Cross Country, Softball, and Golf

Mattawan Consolidated School

Maximum Effort Toward Excellence with Mattawan Pride! We take pride in the high academic achievement of our students that occurs in a nurturing environment in well-maintained facilities. Quality instruction is enhanced by a specialized person at each building dedicated to leading quality teaching and learning.

Mattawan Consolidated School has become known for its inviting atmosphere and high academic standards. Our state-of-the-art technology enhances opportunities for students. We are committed to working with parents to help maximize each child's uniqueness and potential.



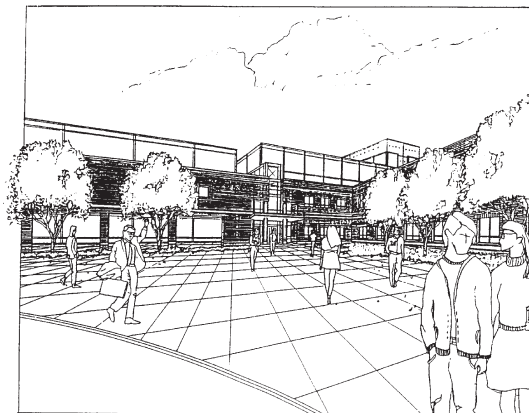
The advantages of a relatively rural setting are combined with those of large city shopping and activities within just a few miles of most of the homes in our school district. Our eastern border is contiguous with the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage.

- Total Enrollment: 3,700
- Class Size:
 - K-5: 20-25
 - 6-8: 25
 - 9-12: 25
- Percentage of graduates: 98%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 85%
- MHSAA Classification: A

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Quality Instruction

The Director of School Improvement and Curriculum coordinates all efforts toward a quality learning environment from kindergarten through graduation.



Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Various organizational methods that respond to the maturity and performance level of students are used. Both inter and intra classroom groupings are utilized to meet the diversity of performance and needs of students.

Curriculum

Early Elementary/Later Elementary

A continuous-progress approach accommodating various levels of performance in "families" is begun in kindergarten and continues through grade five. Extremely bright children receive special programming. Students requiring special support receive small group instruction based on specific needs. Re-grouping for targeted instruction is begun in elementary grades and continues throughout the remainder of the K-12 program.

Middle School

A fully developed middle school concept is utilized in grades six through eight. Teachers work in teams featuring flexible scheduling to provide an effective instructional program. Differences in performances and interests are met by regrouping students for instruction.

High School

A full range of courses is offered. There are courses for students needing special support, those working at grade level and those able to achieve honors level. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered throughout the year. AP testing is offered each spring. Vocational/technical education is available through the multi-million dollar Van Buren County Technical Center.

Unique Facilities

Our district is organized utilizing four schools on a single 128 acre campus. The Early Elementary School houses K-2nd grades; the Later Elementary School houses 3rd-5th grades; the Middle School houses 6th-8th grades; the High School houses 9th-12th grades. Facilities include an eighth mile indoor track, twelve tennis courts and ample outdoor facilities for many activities. A fully equipped 600-seat auditorium with a full 'fly space' and orchestra pit is acoustically and visually outstanding.

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Programs for nontraditional students are offered both locally and through the Van Buren Intermediate School District and in cooperation with neighboring school districts.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

D.A.R.E., Child Lures, S.W.A.T. (Students Working All Together), PALS (Peer Assistant Leadership), Peace Jam among others by interest

Parent Support Groups

There is an active parent association at each building. Athletic Boosters and Band Boosters contribute moral support as well as large sums of money in support of school programs each year.

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

YMCA Prime Time available before and after school. Computer labs are available after school.

Technological Status

Our state-of-the-art technology includes both Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN) capability in all classrooms. Each instructional media center houses computers for large group and individual work. Large computer labs are available for classroom sized instruction. Computers are also available in classrooms. Students are provided guided access to Internet and other on-line reference materials.

Technology training occurs on a constant basis. Technology access is available after school hours for both student and employee use.

Programs for Gifted Students

Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center, Kalamazoo College Academically Talented Youth Program, dual enrollment through colleges, accommodation for gifted students at each grade level, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, Tri-County Math Meet, American Junior High Math Competition, Tri-County Girls Math Meet, Young Authors, Challenger Program, Presidents Awards Program

Mission Statement

Mattawan Consolidated School will be a collaborative and innovative learning community where every individual is valued, challenged and connected.

Co-curricular Activities

Elementary

Odyssey of the Mind, Young Authors, Continental Math League, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, News Bowl, Michigan Math League, and Chess Club

Middle School

Odyssey of the Mind, Tri-County Middle School Math Meet, American Junior High Math Competition, Tri-County Girls' Math Meet, Young Authors, Challenger Program, President's Award Program, Vocal and Instrumental Music in 6th-8th grades, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Spirit Squad, Eighth Grade Football, Coed Track, Ski Club

High School

Clubs

Junior Achievement, French Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook, SADD, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Olympiad, Ski Club

Arts Organizations

Choir, Instrumental Music, Drama Production, Forensics, Musical Production

Sports

(Class A) - Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, Women's Golf, Men's Golf, Cross Country, Track, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Football, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Men's Tennis, Ice Hockey, Women's Swimming, Men's Swimming, Ski, Lacrosse

Community Activities / Sports

AYSO Soccer, Rocket Football, KOHA Hockey, Summer High School Hockey, Tennis Camp, Basketball Camp, Football Camp, Little League Softball, Little League Baseball, Ballet, Tap Dance, Baton Twirling, Gymnastics, Figure Skating, Karate, Travel Soccer, Travel Girls' Basketball, Travel Boys' Basketball, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H

Otsego Public Schools

A number of exciting improvements have been completed in the Otsego Public School district. A new high school opened for the 2007-08 school year. It includes an academic wing, an 800-seat auditorium, science labs, computer labs, competition and practice gyms, indoor walking track, and a media center with conference and project rooms. The district's other buildings have also been renovated and expanded and the grounds have been enhanced with more green space and walkways that connect the high school, middle school and Washington Street Elementary.

- Buildings: Alamo Elementary, Dix Street Elementary, Washington Street Elementary, Otsego Middle School and Otsego High School
- Total Enrollment: 2,263
- Class Size Averages:
Elementary: 22
Middle School: 25
High School: 24
- Percentage of graduates: 98.2%
- Percentage of graduates who further their education: 50%

Superintendent: Dennis M. Patzer
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Curriculum

In addition to core curriculum courses, the following classes are available to students:

Elementary

All Day Alternate Day Kindergarten, K Plus class for kindergartners who benefit from more intensive instruction, Spanish, Health, Art, Vocal Music, Physical Education

Middle School

Spanish, Health, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Art, Computers, Technology Education, Physical Education, Business Education

High School

Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, AP U.S. History, AP Calculus, AP Literature, Graphic Design, Art, Computer Education, Web Page Design, Advanced Computer Applications, Journalism, Public Speaking, Debate/Speech, French, Spanish, Family Living/Parenthood, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Physical



Education, Career Exploration and a wide range of vocational courses that are offered at the Allegan County Area Technical Education Center

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enrichment) is a latchkey or day care program available in all three elementary schools. KinderB.A.S.E. is a daycare program that is available to All Day Alternate Day kindergarten students on the days they do not attend school. The Athletic Department and Community Education department offer a variety of summer camps and sports camps. Summer B.A.S.E., an all-day enrichment program, is available from mid-June to mid-August. Summer Voyagers is an enrichment program that offers four weeks of daily activities for students in first through eighth grades.

High School Schedule

The high school operates on a trimester schedule. Each day consists of five classes.

Technological Status

Staff members receive up to date computer instruction in a computer lab devoted to staff training. Course offerings at Otsego High School include graphic design, web design, and advanced computer operations. Computer labs, classroom labs and wireless laptop labs allow students and staff to use many applications as well as the Internet for research. Parents have online access to their children's attendance records and grades at the upper elementary, middle school and high school levels.

Programs to Address Drug Use and/or Violence

On-going character education programs at all levels including a High School S.A.D.D. chapter, Middle School S.T.A.N.D. chapter, Post Prom party and Elementary Conflict Managers.

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Early Childhood Education Services, Special Education Services, Hearing, Vision, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services, Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed class, Developmental Kindergarten, Title I remedial services, Adult Education, Alternative Education, The Michigan School

Readiness Program and the Parents as Teachers program are offered for preschoolers and their parents.

Parent Support Groups

Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, Choir Boosters, Parent Teacher Organizations at all elementary buildings, Swim Club, Post Prom Parents, Middle School PTO, Otsego Public Schools Foundation

Programs for Academically Advanced Students

Destination Imagination teams, National Honor Society, High School Quiz Bowl, National Geography Bee contests, ATYP

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Young Authors, Junior Achievement, Conflict Managers, Student Council Government, Otsego Stars Vocal Music Club, Swim Club, Mad Science, Community Education sports programs for basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball, softball

Middle School

Student Council, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, cross country, track, football, competitive cheerleading, STAND, Swim Club

High School Clubs

Quiz Bowl, Junior Achievement, Student Council, Varsity "O" Club, yearbook, student newspaper, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, SADD, Art Club, Book Club, Writing Club

Performing Arts

Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Winter Color Guard, Choir, Medieval Dinner production, musical productions

Sports

(Class B) – Sports offerings include basketball, competitive cheerleading, soccer, tennis, women's volleyball, women's softball, football, wrestling, golf, baseball, cross country, track, swimming

Community Sports

Junior Hoopsters basketball, AYSO, Alamo Little League, Destroyers Wrestling, Tae Kwon Do, softball, baseball, Rocket Football, cheerleading, ski club, Spikers Volleyball

Paw Paw Public Schools

The Paw Paw Public Schools vision to maximize each student's learning potential drives decisions in the district. We are working toward adopting methods that provide for prescriptive instruction, taking into account each student's needs and abilities. We are committed to involving parents and families in the educational process as we adopt a family centered focus. We strive to work collaboratively with all elements of our community for the betterment of our entire district.

- Total Enrollment: 2,300
- Class Size:
 - Elementary: 23
 - Middle School: 24
 - High School: 24
- Percentage of graduates: 98%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 86%
- Number of National Scholastic Achievers in the past three years: 5

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Curriculum

Elementary

The elementary curriculum is aligned to the State of Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations. Teachers use a balanced approach in reading with an emphasis on differentiated instruction to meet each child's learning needs, whether it is increased academic support or acceleration and enrichment. Our arts curriculum includes Music, Art and Integrated Arts. Our curriculum is supported by completely new and renovated facilities.

Middle School

Our recently renovated middle school is designed to support a curriculum that groups middle school students in teams. The team concept helps support the middle school student academically and emotionally. Besides offering a standards-based curriculum in the core academic areas, our middle school offers a wide array of



exploratory courses for our middle school students. Advanced mathematics offerings provide accelerated learning along with many enrichment opportunities in our co-curricular programs.

High School

Meeting the diverse needs of students is an ongoing priority at Paw Paw High School where each student develops a Career Pathways Educational Development Plan to assist in meeting individual student interests, strengths and needs. A challenging curriculum exists offering students many opportunities including vocational and technology training at the ISD Technology Center and acceleration opportunities through a wide variety of Advanced Placement courses. Our exemplary Fine Arts program is supported by a 950-seat Performing Arts Center completed in November 2003.

Technological Status

All buildings have LAN's, the district is connected via a WAN with computer labs in the High School, Middle School, Later Elementary, and Early Elementary, in addition to computers in all classrooms. Technology is integrated into all curriculums. Online access provides parents of secondary students the ability to view their student's attendance, tardies, and grades.

Teaching Strategies/Classroom Organization

Differentiated instruction throughout the district, electives at the High School, exploratory classes at the Middle School, all-day kindergarten and young fives options at the elementary.

Parent Support Groups

Parent Advisory Councils, Parent Booster Organizations for Athletics and Band, PTO

Programs for Gifted Students

Science Olympiad, State and Regional, A.T.Y.P., Dual enrollment for college credit, Independent Study Options, Math Olympiad, National Junior High Math Competition, Advanced Placement

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

P.A.L.S. at the secondary level, positive behavior support at the elementary level

Programs for Students with Special Needs

At-Risk programs offered at all levels, Pre-K through adult, Special Education services for all levels, Classroom aids in elementary and Middle School, Alternative Education programs for grades 7-12, TAPP

Before and/or After School Programs, Summer Programs

Before and after school day care, Before/After school tutoring, Community Education offers after school classes and activities, Academic Summer School for grades K-4

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Accelerated Reader, Field Trips, Enrichment Assembly Programs, Safety Patrol, RIF Carnival, Science Fair, Walking Club

Middle School

Chess Club, Science Olympiad, Student Council, School Newspaper, Band, Choir, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Football, Track, Cross Country, Volleyball, Wrestling, Ski Club, Math Club, Newspaper, German Club, Yearbook, Career Exploration

High School Clubs

National Honor Society, Key Club, S.A.D.D., P.A.L.S., PEP Club, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, Ski Club, Student Council, Yearbook

Arts Organizations

Choir, Band, Community Theatre Group - Village Players, Voices of the Future, Jazz Band

Sports

(Class B)

Football, Women's Basketball, Golf, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Cross Country, Wrestling, Men's Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Women's Soccer, Ski Team

Community Sports

AYSO, YMCA, Community Education, Red Arrow Soccer, Little Leagues (Boys/Girls), Rocket Football

Plainwell Community Schools

At Plainwell Community Schools, we take great pride in our reputation as an exemplary school system. Our district is large enough to provide a multitude of high quality educational offerings, yet small enough to care for each individual student and to work cooperatively with each student's family. Our district's mission is: *Preparing students for success through academic excellence and strength of character.* We have faith that you will find Plainwell Community Schools to be everything you would expect from a caring, high quality district dedicated to the education of each student we serve.

- Total Enrollment: 2,904
- Class Sizes:
 - Elementary: 23
 - Middle School: 28
 - High School: 26
- Percentage of graduates: 93%
- Percentage of graduates that further their education: 80%
- Number of National Merit Scholars in the past three years:
 - 2 Finalists; 2 Commended

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Web Site: www.plainwellschools.org

Curriculum

Elementary

Our elementary students are taught a high-quality and clearly-defined core curriculum in reading, writing, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students also have classes in music, art, physical education, and health. We place a strong emphasis on early childhood and primary literacy education.

Middle School

Our middle school students are also taught a high quality, clearly defined core curriculum in English language-arts, math, science, and social studies from a common core of teachers. Students also have two periods to take a rotation of required and elective courses in music, art, computers, physical education, industrial technology, life skills, band, choir, drama, photography, Spanish, French, and Japanese.



High School

Our high school students receive high quality instruction in the Michigan Merit Core Curriculum. They also may choose from a full range of over 90 required and elective courses in English, math, science, social studies, physical education, foreign languages, music, art, and career and technical education. Students of widely varying needs, interests, and abilities have many options including Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment at colleges and universities, special education courses, and classes at the Allegan County Area Technical Education Center.

School Support Groups

We have active parent organizations at every school including booster organizations for athletics and band. Other support groups are the Communication Advisory Team, District School Safety Committee, Parent Health Advisory Group, and an award winning student mentoring program.

Programs Promoting a Safe and Orderly Environment

We are a member of Character Counts and incorporate character education into our curriculum. We also have programs such as: Quest, Lifeskills, Zero Tolerance of Violence, Respect and Protect, T.E.A.M., and the Police Liaison curriculum.

Capital Improvement

Plainwell voters passed a capital improvement bond in May of 2008 to add a new high school auditorium, enlarge some classrooms, reconfigure some school offices, upgrade technology, and improve safety. All school buildings have been expanded and remodeled within the last six years.

Programs for Gifted Students

Our Visions Program for Academic Enrichment provides a broad range of learning experiences at all levels of students' K-12 education. Pull-out groups on creative thinking and communication skills are offered for students in grades K-2. Junior Great Books programs are provided throughout our elementary buildings. Before-school enrichment classes are offered for grades 3-5 and Cluster Grouping for grades 3-6. Curriculum competitions, Midwest Talent Search and enrichment classes in a variety of subjects are provided for grades 6-8. Honors classes, dual enrollment opportunities and Advanced Placement classes are offered in grades 9-12.

Technological Status

There are many new and exciting things happening in the area of technology at Plainwell Community Schools. We are part of a county-wide consortium project that will connect us with each of the other school districts in the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (AAESA), as well as to Kalamazoo's and Ottawa's Educational Service Agencies. Sharing of internet services, phone services, and other resources will now be possible. In May of 2008, voters passed a school bond extension that allows us to upgrade existing technology

infrastructure and add new technologies to our classrooms. In 2007 we were able to outfit fifty classrooms with complete multimedia systems. The bond extension permits us to outfit the rest of our classrooms with the same type of equipment. We will also be able to install security cameras and a new phone system.

Programs for Students with Special Needs

Plainwell Community Schools offers a wide range of K-12 Special Education classrooms serving students by educational need and emphasizing instruction in both regular and special education classroom settings.

Unique Facilities

Early Childhood Education Center; SAFE before-and-after-school child care program; 90 acre, four seasons, outdoor environmental lab located along the banks of the Kalamazoo River; "Renaissance" Alternative High School; Community Education Center; community gym and pool.

Teaching Strategies

Plainwell teachers are well versed in effective teaching strategies through a 3-year training program for new teachers and continuing staff development. Innovative concepts used include a nationally recognized early childhood program, award winning kindergarten centers using a 6 to 1 student teacher ratio, research based reading and mathematics programs, multiage classrooms, team teaching, middle school teaming concept, and service learning.

Extracurricular Activities

Elementary

Junior Great Books, Safety Patrol, Student Chorus, Student Advisory Council, Intramural Sports, Student Newspaper, Chess Club, NASA Space Camp, Rocket Club, Computer Club.

Middle School

Peace Jam, Challenger Mission, Geography Bee, Student Council, Knowledge-Master Open (international team competition via computer), National Science Olympiad, National Language Arts Olympiad, Annual Math League Contest, Choir, Band, Mural Club, Girls' Basketball and Volleyball, Boys' Basketball and Wrestling, Intramural Sports.

High School

Clubs

Forensics Team, Spanish and French Clubs, Student Senate, Newspaper, Yearbook, National Honor Society, Culture Club, PALS Student Support Group, Power-Lifting Club, Literary Soirée, Peace Jam and multiple performing arts opportunities in drama and vocal and instrumental music.

Sports

Men's and Women's Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis and Track; Men's Baseball, Football and Wrestling; Women's Competitive Cheer, Softball and Volleyball.

Community Sports

Trojan Aquatic Club, AYSO and FORCE Soccer Programs, Rocket Football, Northwood Little League, Jr. Hoopsters, Power Lifting Club, Freestyle Wrestling Club, and Rocket Football Cheerleaders.