



EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Tradition of Excellence



I hope this letter finds each of you healthy and enjoying a wonderful Michigan summer with your family and friends. As we embark on the 2022-2023 school year, I want to welcome you back on behalf of the Board of Education, administration, and staff of East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

In reflecting on the past year of changes and challenges, I am continually reminded and impressed by the Tradition of Excellence lived out by our staff and students. Our accomplishments last year were tremendous, but so are our ambitions moving forward. In this next year, we look forward to the addition of several new positions to our school community in order to better support the development of the whole child. We will also implement a K-8th grade social emotional learning curriculum to ensure we have vertical (K-8) and horizontal (across the district) alignment in how we equip students to be kind to themselves (internal) and each other (external). With these systems and supports in place,

our collective team will be better prepared to provide our students more foundational support and research-based strategies and skills that will enable our students to better support their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing. I am grateful for our community and team's commitment to supporting all aspects of our students' development. Our students are extremely resilient, kind, and motivated. As we continue to navigate forward, through all of the challenges that came from a year and half of constant uncertainties and social isolation, our students are eager to push through, regain opportunities, and thrive both academically and socially.

In addition to the internal school supports we have developed for this year, we are also deeply grateful to our school community for their generous support of the EGRPS Recreation Millage and City of East Grand Rapids Parks Improvement Millage. The EGRPS Recreation Millage provides ongoing resources and support to our co-curricular programs and beyond-the-school day operations, which are essential to providing our students unparalleled access to enrichment opportunities. The City of East Grand Rapids Parks Improvement Millage, along with funds from the EGRPS Recreation Millage, will provide updated elementary playgrounds and outdoor community learning spaces for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited about the opportunities the updated playgrounds and learning spaces will provide our students.

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation continues to go above and beyond supporting our students and staff. Last year, they awarded over \$350,000 of classroom enhancement grants that funded supplies and opportunities such as: data collection devices for high school science classrooms, digital pianos, a 6th grade team-building experience at Camp Blodgett, drumline instruments, and leveled literacy kits for all of our elementary schools. Our Schools Foundation also supported our ongoing work in social emotional learning by supporting the development of a district Wellness Coordinator who will be located at the high school to provide general education support to our students and further develop and align our district K-12 social emotional learning supports. The district has posted this position and is working diligently to identify the person who will help lead this important work. In addition, the Foundation is funding a new Elementary Learning Commons Paraeducator who will organize the collections and volunteers at elementary school libraries. We are extremely grateful for our Foundation and school community for all they have done and continue to do for our students and staff.

As we enter 2022-2023, we are fortunate to continue to be a destination district for employees and families due to our academic excellence and the tremendous opportunities we provide each student. As you see and meet new staff and families, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them. We are extremely fortunate to be in a community that truly values and supports all components of our students' learning.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. As we look forward to welcoming new and returning students on the first day of school, Monday, August 22, 2022, I wish everyone a safe, meaningful and rewarding 2022-2023 school year!

Go EAST!

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Board of Education Meetings

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

EGRMS Learning Commons
2425 Lake Drive SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

August 16, 7:30 a.m.
(Tuesday)
September 12
October 10
December 5
January 9
February 13
March 13
April 17
May 8
June 5 (Budget Hearing)
June 12

*Community members
are encouraged to attend*

Welcome New Staff!

Please welcome our new staff to East Grand Rapids! We are confident they will quickly become an integral part of our Tradition of Excellence.

- Christina Aardema - Resource Room Teacher
- Sarah Cannon - MS Resource Room Teacher
- Charissa Chapman - Counselor
- Marcus Chapman - HS Drama Director
- Kayla Cordell - Concert Band Teacher and Assistant Marching Band Instructor
- Aaron Ditty - HS Science Teacher
- Stacy Fellows - Special Education Paraeducator
- Kelly Hafer - K-1 Paraeducator
- Emiliya Heerema - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Jenna Jenkins - Kindergarten Teacher
- Melissa Kam - Special Education Paraeducator
- Delaney Klein - 4th Grade Teacher
- Noral Knoerl - 1st Grade Teacher
- Kelsey Mahar - Administrative Assistant to Instruction and Special Education
- John Noreen - HS English Teacher
- Victoria Schaap - Kindergarten Teacher
- Carly Schwartz - Kindergarten Teacher
- Joshua Shattuck - Social Studies Teacher and Head Football Coach
- Andrea Sinkovitz - HS/MS Math Teacher
- Meghan Thornton - Psychologist
- Sarah Webber - Learning Commons Paraeducator
- Rhonda Young - 1st Grade Teacher

Congratulations Retirees!

We wish our retirees the best as they begin a new phase of life. Thank you for your service to EGRPS!

- Joy Baranoski - HS English Teacher
- Dawn Beemer - District Office Administrative Assistant
- Holly Brownley - Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Tanya Paas - Braillest
- Linda Sawade - 4th Grade Teacher



Skyward and Skylert

The EGRPS student management system, Skyward, provides families with secure access to student data including report cards, gradebook, progress reports, attendance, district assessment results, and information alerts. All parents and guardians have a Skyward Family Access login and can connect using Skyward Mobile Access for Android, Skyward Mobile Access for iPhone, or with a browser at egrps.org/skyward. If you do not know your account information, choose the "Forgot your Login/Password?" link.

Please use Skyward to submit attendance information for your child. Simply choose the Attendance tab to submit an absence in advance of the date of an appointment or on the day a

student will be absent. Detailed instructions for submitting an absence are available at egrps.org/attendance.

Skylert is the school-to-home communications system which we use to broadcast emergency alerts and attendance notifications via phone call, e-mail, and/or SMS (text message). It is customizable and allows parents and guardians full control over how they would like to receive these messages. The parent who completed online student registration will have set their preferences during that process. We encourage parents who did not fill out registration for their family to also set their alert preferences using egrps.org/skylert.

School News Network

Do you want to know more about what's happening in all of our schools? Would you like to learn more about the teachers and staff who make EGRPS such a special place? If so, you'll want to check out School News Network (SNN) at www.schoolnewsnetwork.org. It's an online news site for all public school districts in Kent County, aimed at sharing the stories of our public schools. The site is supported through advertising and contributions from participating districts and managed by the Kent ISD Communications Department.

School News Network provides information about what's happening in our schools and the issues that affect them. The School News Network provides a whole range of exciting student content, sports, and school news in a way that is engaging and easily accessible.



Woodcliff Early Childhood Center

EGRPS offers Early Childhood and before and after school care for preschool through fifth grade students at Woodcliff Early Childhood Center.

Preschool: Our early childhood program includes child care and preschool classes for three to five year old students at the Woodcliff Early Childhood Center. Preschool programs begin Monday, August 22 half day (AM preschool only). The first day for PM preschool sessions is Tuesday, August 23.

Before & After School Child Care begins Monday, August 22. Child Care busing to and from the students' elementary schools begins Monday, August 22. For more information, please call 616-235-7595 or check our links on the district's website.



School Closings

If adverse weather conditions or other emergency situations make it necessary to cancel school, delay the beginning of school, or send students home early, the following information details our procedures. The superintendent makes the decision regarding school closure or delay based on weather-related data. The decision will be posted as soon as possible on the [EGRPS website](http://egrps.org) and alerts will be sent on Skylert.

Announcements will be made on the following local stations: WOOD-TV 8, WZZM-TV 13, FOX 17, WWMT-TV 3, WOOD Radio 105.7 FM/1300 AM, and most other Grand Rapids area radio stations.

In the Event of School Closings: Child care and preschool programs follow the same closure as the district. A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding cancellation of sporting events, evening programs, and practices.

In the Event of a Two-Hour Delay: All classes will start two hours later than the building start time. The decision whether to hold A.M. ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) at the later start time will be posted.

Special Education Transportation: EGRPS will inform Kent ISD/Dean Transportation of a closing or delay.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: All students will be dismissed

at the regular time unless severe weather conditions exist.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: All students may be detained if severe weather conditions exist.

Tornado Watch or Warning: All students will be kept at school if a watch is issued during the school day. If a warning is issued during the school day, all students will be instructed to take shelter within the building until the ALL CLEAR is signaled. Students will be dismissed at the regular time unless severe weather conditions exist. If a tornado watch or warning occurs outside of school hours, the school district will not begin any school activities (i.e., sports, PTO, etc.). If a tornado watch is issued while the activities are in progress, the students, participants, audience, and attendees will be dismissed and the activities will stop immediately. If a tornado warning is issued while the activities are in progress, the students, participants, audience, and attendees will seek shelter within the building immediately.

After school activities may be held if such activities are scheduled to begin one hour after a tornado watch or warning has been lifted.

School Lunches

East Grand Rapids Public Schools provides nutritional services through a Joint Operating Agreement with Grand Rapids Public Schools. Grand Rapids Public Schools provides all services for the program with the exception of the local preparation and serving of food to our students, which is handled by EGRPS employees. The district values this partnership, which we feel provides a nutritional program to our students and provides cost efficiencies for the district. Please visit the [Grand Rapids Public Schools Nutrition Program website](#) to learn about the program, nutritional analysis, recipes, and Michigan Farm to School initiatives.

Important Notice

The COVID “free lunch for everyone” program has expired and meal charges will apply. Applications for free or reduced lunch can be submitted [here](#).

2022-2023 Lunch Program Information

East Grand Rapids Public Schools lunch program returned to normal operations in grades K-8 last school year. Due to limited available staff, grades 9-12 will begin this year with the same program of online ordering and sack lunches.

K-5 Lunch Program Summary

- A daily hot lunch offering
- Lunch orders will be taken in class at the start of each school day
- Students will eat in the gym seated according to the following:
 - Assigned seats through September 6th while procedures are established
 - After September 6th, K-1 students will be able to choose a seat with their class and 2-5 students will be able to choose a seat with their grade level

6-8 Lunch Program Summary

- Multiple hot lunch offerings each day
- No lunch orders required - buffet-style cafeteria line
- A-La-Carte items available for purchase
- Students will eat in the cafeteria choosing their own seat

9-12 Lunch Program Summary

- Pre-ordered sack lunch
- Lunches are ordered online at www.egrps.org/lunch
- Prepayment through MyPaymentsPlus required
- Open campus lunch

Lunch Menu

Lunch menus are published online at <https://grps.nutrislice.com/menu>. Initial menus will be published as soon as they become available. Substitutions may occur as supply chains may necessitate changes.



Student Accounts

Online access to your student’s school meal account is available through [MyPaymentsPlus](#). MyPaymentsPlus provides the ability to check account balances, monitor purchases, and receive email notifications when an account reaches a low balance. Online deposits of \$50 or greater are not charged a fee; online deposits of less than \$50 are charged a small handling fee. To register for an account, use your student’s ID number with two 0s in front of it (i.e. 123456 would be 00123456).

If you prefer to write a check to deposit funds into your student’s account, please make your check payable to Grand Rapids Public Schools Nutrition Department. Checks may be dropped off in the main office of your student’s school. Please include your student’s name, ID number, and the amount you wish to deposit.

Student Meal Prices*

Important Notice: The COVID “free lunch for everyone” program has expired and meal charges will apply.

Elementary Lunch prices are \$3.50 and milk is \$0.50. Secondary Lunch prices are \$3.75 and milk is \$0.50. *Please Note: Lunch prices are currently under review and may be subject to change.

Free and Reduced Meals

A new application for Free and Reduced Meals is required each year and may be accessed [here](#). The previous year’s status is carried over for the first month of school only.

Contact

If you have questions regarding Food Service, please contact Phillip Greene, Director of Nutritional Services, at (616) 819-2135.

Leadership & Youth Development

LYD is a parent-led high school program that provides leadership and personal development opportunities for our high school students. These students learn while interacting with their peers, our elementary and middle school students, and outside our EGR community.

How does LYD train the high school students?

- Outside leadership conferences (i.e. My Way, Rotary)
- Professional training for Freshman Connection & Senior Retreat leaders
- Student Advisory Board (formed 2019)
- Pioneer Partners: HS students lead read alouds in elementary classrooms
- Previous programs: Healthy High, TEAM, STEP, TATU

How can parents help?

- Share your leadership experiences with high school students (mini-speaker series)
- Donate to LYD to support our efforts. Donations are used to send students to training opportunities, bring in professional trainers, and pay for a staff liaison
- Does your company or professional organization provide leadership opportunities for youth?
- Volunteer on LYD Board or co-chair one of our events

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Your Phone: _____

- I want to volunteer, please call/email me.
- I have a contact or idea for leadership opportunities in the community. Please call/email me.
- I want to donate. Donation levels:

- \$30 (Advocate) \$50 (Supporter)
- \$100 (Sustainer) \$250 (Visionary)

All donations are tax deductible. Please donate through SchoolPay or make your check out to Leadership and Youth Development.

Contact Karen Dujovny, 616-648-7759, karendujovny@yahoo.com; or Beth Kiisk-Milanowski, 616-318-6069, milofamily6@gmail.com for more information.

District Device Program

The Engage 1:1 program at grades 6-12 is built around the Bring Your Own Device model, but it also offers an option for families to secure a district-provided device. Students who utilize the district-provided device option will be provided with a district-owned device to use during the 2022-2023 school year after completing the necessary application.

Once a student application is approved, students will receive their district-provided device prior to the beginning of the school year. Prior to receiving the device, both the student and the parent will be asked to sign an agreement regarding responsibilities and submit a \$50 deposit. The district is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the devices throughout the school year.

***Note:** You must fill out an application each year. If you plan to roll over your deposit from a previous year, you must fill out the application as well. Please visit the 2022-2023 Engage District Device Application [here](#).

All Sports Pass

All Sports Passes are for sale in the High School Athletic Office from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. An All Sports Pass allows you to attend any EGRHS home athletic contest, except hockey and MHSAA tournaments. You may also send a check payable to EGR Athletics, with the order form, to EGR High School, Athletic Department, 2211 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Gold Card passes are offered free of charge to senior citizens who are 62 and older and are residents of EGR. Proof of residency and age must be verified at the High School Athletic Office at 2211 Lake Drive SE.

ATHLETIC HOTLINE:
616-235-7593 Option 1
www.egrathletics.org

All Sports Family Pass
(up to 4 family members) \$200.00
Each additional family member \$25.00

All Sports Pass (adult each) \$95.00
All Sports Pass (student* each) \$65.00
*For 22-23, HS students are FREE (pilot program)
Gold Card (senior citizen 62 & older) FREE

Total \$ _____

Names to be put on All Sports Pass:

NOTE: Lost Passes will not be replaced.

The East Vision

I would like to purchase a subscription and support the East Grand Rapids High School’s newspaper, The EAST Vision.

- 1-Year (7 issues) Early-bird special, \$40.00
- 2-Years (14 issues) Early-bird special, \$70.00

Name: _____

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City: _____

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Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
East Vision, 2211 Lake Drive SE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49506-3026

Robotics

East Grand Rapids Public Schools offers opportunities in grades K-12 for students to engage in FIRST Robotics. When participating in this extracurricular club, students learn teamwork, coding, and problem solving as they explore real world problems. Students who participate in FIRST Robotics are often sought after by colleges and universities due to their extensive experience from the program in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education.



FIRST Lego League (FLL), in grades K-5 is hosted in small groups where our youngest learners experiment and grow their confidence, critical thinking, and design skills through hands-on learning. Last year, over 200 EGRPS K-5 students participated in FLL. Parent volunteer coaches and mentors are a critical component of all our FIRST Robotics teams and we are deeply grateful for this partnership.

Students in grades 6-8 participate in FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) competitions. Our EGRMS FTC Team is #15510 and they design, build and program an 18"x18"x18" robot to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Robots are built from a reusable platform powered by android technology and are then coded using a variety of levels of Java-based programming.

Students in grades 9-12 participate in FIRST Robotics competitions (FRC). Our EGRHS FRC Team is #5980 and they design, program, and build a robot starting with a standard kit of parts and common set of rules to play in a themed head-to-head challenge.

A number of our robotics teams are currently looking for coaches and mentors. If you are interested please contact your building principal.



EGR Schools Foundation

Thanks to our donors, your East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation supports our schools and our students by funding vital programs and classroom enhancements, student scholarships, and professional development for EGRPS teachers and staff.

Over its nearly forty-year history, the Foundation has provided millions of dollars to the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. The class of 2022 alone benefited from more than \$4.8 million in Foundation support during their time in East schools from kindergarten through graduation.

To provide for future needs, the Foundation has built an endowment of more than \$12 million. In coming years, that endowment will generate more than half a million dollars every year for our schools without decreasing the principal.

Last spring, at the request of the district, the Foundation made a \$750,000 commitment to support students' mental health over the next three years. Another \$95,000 will fund a Learning Commons Paraeducator who will coordinate volunteers and organize the library collections in all three elementary schools.

Together with funds available for classroom enhancements, staff professional development, and student scholarships, the Foundation—thanks to our donors—will provide \$555,503 to support our schools during the 2022-23 school year.

None of that would be possible without the support of donors like you. You can help the Foundation by sponsoring and attending our events, volunteering your time, and by contributing to our annual fund. Visit the Foundation website at egrfsf.org to donate quickly and easily online.

The Foundation also serves as the information hub of our community by producing [the weekly Cheat Sheet on egrfsf.org](#). This popular quick-reference guide to what's happening in East Grand Rapids lists school, sports, arts, and community events. The Cheat Sheet comes out every Sunday night and is updated throughout the week. To add your email to the list of subscribers, just [update your contact information](#).

There are many other ways you can get involved with your East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, and we'd love to talk with you about them. You can call Executive Director Amy Stuursma at (616) 235-3535 or email her at astuursm@egrps.org.

Thank you for your support! Together, we're investing in our students, because the future belongs to Pioneers!



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East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation

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Jimmy's Friendship Fund

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation has always been about providing outstanding educational opportunities. Now, the Foundation is making sure everyone in our district has access to every opportunity our district has to offer.



Jimmy's Friendship Fund will provide money to cover immediate needs for families within the district that are experiencing financial difficulties. The funds may be used to cover pay-to-participate expenses for extracurriculars, student activity fees, household needs, or personal needs.

We're calling the fund Jimmy's Friendship Fund because Jimmy Gerken was a friend to all. Jimmy was an East resident and staff member with special needs. One of his most famous quotes is his response to someone who was bullying him about his special needs: "That's okay," Jimmy said. "I'll still be your friend."

School principals will allocate the funds based on needs they see. Families may also contact school principals or the Foundation as needs arise.

[You can donate to Jimmy's Friendship Fund quickly and easily by visiting our "Donate Now" page and selecting "Jimmy's Friendship Fund."](#) Thank you!

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is an international academic program recognized and respected by the world's leading universities for its global focus and rigorous curriculum. East Grand Rapids High School was officially authorized in 2016 as an International Baccalaureate World School, Diploma Programme.



Beginning junior year, students access the IB courses as either IB diploma or IB certificate students. These courses provide an interconnected curriculum that promotes the development of knowledge, critical thinking, and robust academic skills, en route to becoming global citizens. Classes are taught by trained and dedicated staff who collectively strive to provide students an opportunity to take control of their own learning and develop future-ready skills.

East Grand Rapids IB students have consistently performed at a high level on IB end-of-course assessments, often exceeding the world average in scores and achieving an 88% IB Diploma acquisition rate since the inception of the programme. Each of these factors, coupled with the acquired skills, knowledge, and holistic individual development, serve our students well when applying to and entering colleges and universities.

To learn more about the programme, including how to establish a pathway for beginning the IB in junior year, parents and students are invited to attend the "What is IB?" information session on October 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the High School. For additional information please contact IB Diploma Programme Coordinator Jeff Webb at jwebb@egrps.org.



Special Education

East Grand Rapids Public Schools provides Child Find activities that meet the requirements of the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA). IDEA requires identification and evaluation of children ages 0-25 who reside in Michigan and who are suspected of having a disability requiring special education programs and/or related services. This includes children who are homeless, wards of the State, or those children attending a non-public school.

If you live in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools district and feel that your child may have a disability that requires special education, please contact your child's building principal or the Special Education Office at 616-752-7192 or visit www.egrps.org/district/special-education for more information.

Homeless?

If your family lives in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, temporary tent or trailer, on the street, doubled up with friends/family, or lacks fixed, regular, and adequate housing, you may be eligible for help. Please contact Joanne Platt, Homeless Liaison, at 616-649-6495 or jplatt@egrps.org.

Community Action Council

Supporting Families in the Community of East Grand Rapids.

We talk about mental health matters because mental health matters!

Our mission is to act as a catalyst to educate and support parents and the community concerning all mental health matters and promote a safe, healthy environment for students in East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

We will be holding several events through out the year so please watch for more information to come!

If you are interested in learning more about CAC or volunteering, please contact us at cac@egrps.org. Please visit the CAC website (egrps.org/CAC) or Like us on Facebook! (EGR Community Action Council – CAC).



PASE: Parent Advisors for Special Education

The Kent Intermediate School District has a parent-driven forum whose mission is to positively impact educational opportunities for children with special needs through parent collaboration and education. Each local school district has PASE members, appointed by their local school district and the KISD Board, who serve a 3-year term as parent advisors. PASE meetings for the 2022-2023 school year will be a blend of virtual and in-person meetings at the Kent ISD Services Center from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on the following dates: October 17, 2022, November 28, 2022, February 6, 2023, and April 24, 2023. For additional information, please contact the EGRPS Special Education Office at 616-575-9901 or visit our website at www.egrps.org for further information. The EGRPS PASE parent advisors, Romulo Garcia and Maria Mora Brown, can be reached at lolymb4@gmail.com.

Social Emotional Learning

This year we will introduce two new Social Emotional Learning programs: Second Step and TRAILS to Wellness.

Second Step (grades K-3) focuses on helping students to improve in areas such as problem solving skills and emotion management. TRAILS to Wellness (grades 4-8) focuses on mental wellbeing. Students will learn how to better understand and manage their emotions, how to establish relationships and how to deal with conflict, among other topics.

Last school year, a team of K-12 staff members reviewed multiple support programs before determining that Second Step and TRAILS were the best programs for our students. These programs will be instrumental in supporting our students and staff with the necessary strategies that build capacity and skills that will enable our students to better support their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing.

If you have any questions about our new Social Emotional Learning programs, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's principal.



Know Someone Interested in Attending EGR?

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has the following options for non-resident students:

- Tuition Enrollment Program (TEP)
- School of Choice (SOC)
- Resident District Release (12th grade only)
- District Employment
- Foreign Exchange

Visit egrps.org/enrollment, email enrollment@egrps.org or call 616-235-3535 for more information.

Athletics, Arts, and Clubs

Our students continue to excel nationally in extracurricular activities. This past year, the East Grand Rapids High School athletic programs won five state championships. Congratulations to Girls' Swimming, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Swimming, Girls' Track, and Girls' Lacrosse. With these five state championships, EGR High School now has 147 state championship wins in the school's history.

Our HS art students were recognized for their fantastic work on the Lakeside Drive mural. Take a drive past the HS track to see their work.

In total, 37 clubs were created at the high school last year. The following clubs made it to Nationals or States:

- HS Quizbowl
- HS Robotics
- HS Science Olympiad
- HS We The People

During the 2021-2022 school year, each elementary school produced one musical, our middle schoolers performed two plays, and our high school students showcased their talents in five productions.

This November, our high school band, orchestra, and choir students will perform at Disney and Universal Studios.

We are proud of the robust extracurricular opportunities we provide our students at East. Please visit each building's webpage for opportunities available to students at each level.

EGR Public Safety Adult Crossing Guard Schedule

Boston/York	7:50 - 8:20 a.m. 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Boston/Breton	7:50 - 8:20 a.m. 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Hall/Breton	7:50 - 8:20 a.m. 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Lake Drive/Bagley	7:10 - 7:40 a.m. 2:55 - 3:25 p.m.
Lake Drive/Breton	7:25 - 7:55 a.m. 2:50 - 3:20 p.m.
Lake Drive/Kenesaw	7:25 - 7:55 a.m. 2:50 - 3:20 p.m.
Lake Drive/Lovett	7:50 - 8:20 a.m. 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Lake Drive/Plymouth	7:45 - 8:15 a.m. 3:20 - 3:50 p.m.
Wealthy Condos	7:50 - 8:20 a.m. 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Any updates/time changes will be communicated to EGRPS families

AHERA Notification

Under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987, the East Grand Rapids Public Schools are required to notify parents and employees of the management plan and inform them of the activities conducted under the management plan during the preceding year.

The required three-year reinspection in 2021 indicated asbestos in district buildings is in a safe, non-friable condition, is properly protected, and there is no exposure present. The asbestos management plan is available for inspection at the Business Office without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you wish to have a personal copy, please notify the Business Office and it will be supplied to you within five (5) business days. We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place for our students and staff.

Looking for Employment?

EGRPS has the perfect job opportunities for those who are looking for part-time or full-time employment. Visit www.egrps.org/jobs for more information.

Health Examinations

Michigan law requires immunizations and physicals for all students new to the district, as well as an immunization assessment for each student entering 7th grade. The required immunization list is available at each school and on our website at www.egrps.org. The physical form is obtained from your physician. A certificate of vision and hearing testing or screening must be presented at the time of registration or no later than the first day of school for a child registered for the first time in kindergarten and 1st grade.

Pesticide Notification

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods previously identified.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Business Office at 616-235-3535. Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the application, if they so request.

If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the Business Office at 616-235-3535. Please provide your name, mailing address, and school(s) your child/children attend, and you will be included on the advance notification list.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights include:

A parent/guardian or eligible student shall be permitted to inspect and review education records, request an amendment or correction to an education record, and obtain consent before disclosing a student's personally identifiable information to a third party. Inspection and review of all instructional materials used by the district in the instructional program is also permitted. Instructional materials shall include teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary materials.

Parents/guardians have the right to the following:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the school receives a request for access. Parents/guardians or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent /guardian or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's

education records that the parent/guardian or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents/guardians or eligible students who wish to ask the school to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent/guardian or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent/guardian or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to "school officials" with legitimate educational interests. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or

function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. Any questions or inquiries regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), should be directed to:

Dr. Heidi S. Kattula, Superintendent
East Grand Rapids Public Schools
2915 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, disability, genetic information, or any other reason prohibited by applicable laws, in its programs, services, activities, or employment practices. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability should be directed to the Section 504 Coordinator: Dr. Caroline Breault-Cannon at cbannon@egrps.org, 616-235-7552. Direct all other inquiries related to discrimination to Ms. LeeAnn Stephan, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at lstephan@egrps.org, 616-235-3535.

EGRPS Contact Information

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616.235.7552

Dr. Caroline Breault-Cannon, Principal

Lakeside Elementary

2325 Hall Street SE
616.235.7553

Stephanie Thelen, Principal

Wealthy Elementary

1961 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7550

Carlye Allen, Principal

East Grand Rapids Middle School

2425 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7551

Jeff Dykhouse, Principal
Katie McIntosh, Asst. Principal

East Grand Rapids High School

2211 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7555

Craig T. Weigel, Principal
Heather McKinney-Rewa, Asst. Principal

High School Athletic Office

2211 Lake Drive SE
616.235.7593

Chris Zylstra, Director of Athletics

James E. Morse Administration Building

2915 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
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Dr. Heidi S. Kattula, Superintendent

Anthony W. Morey, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Operations | LeeAnn Stephan, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction
Joanne Platt, Special Education Supervisor | Dan Luehrs, Maintenance Supervisor

Woodcliff Early Childhood Center

616.235.7595

Courtney Richards, Director

Registration

Middle School (students & parents)

6th Grade-August 15	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7th Grade-August 15	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
8th Grade-August 15	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

High School (students)

Freshman Connection-August 15	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12th Grade-August 15	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
11th Grade-August 15	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
10th Grade-August 15	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Middle school and high school students will be provided access to their schedules via Skyward, receive textbooks and locker assignments, and have school photos taken.

2022-2023

District Calendar

Monday, August 22	Half Day (AM Only)
Tuesday - Thursday, August 23-25	Full Days
Friday, August 26	No School K-12
Friday & Monday, September 2 & 5	No School K-12
Friday, October 28	No School K-12
Wednesday - Friday, November 23-25	No School K-12
Monday, December 19 - Monday, January 2	No School K-12
Monday, January 16	No School K-12
Friday & Monday, February 17 & 20	No School K-12
Friday, March 31 - April 7	No School K-12
Monday, May 29	No School K-12
Friday, June 2	Half Day (AM Only)

We encourage you to continue to check our website for the latest updates.

First Day of School

The first day of school will be a HALF DAY on
Monday, August 22.

Dismissal as follows:

Elementary	8:20 a.m. - 11:24 a.m.
Middle School	8:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
High School	7:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

No Students on Friday, Aug. 26
No Students on Fri. Sept. 2 & Mon. Sept. 5

Regular School Year Schedule

Elementary
8:20 a.m. - 3:19 p.m.
Middle School
8:00 a.m. - 2:52 p.m.
High School
7:40 a.m. - 2:59 p.m.