



Eagle Insider

We will provide a nurturing learning environment and educate ALL students to be lifelong learners.

August 2023

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Elementary School
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Kent City, MI 49330
(616) 678-4181

Middle School
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High School
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**IT'S A GREAT
DAY TO BE AN **EAGLE****

GIVE *And* **GET RESPECT**
RESPONSIBLE *And* **SAFE**
ENGAGED
ACCCEPTING
TRUSTWORTHY

Kent City Community Schools



Superintendent Message

The excitement of a new school year is building each day. We are honored to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. As we continue to make final preparations for this school year we hope that you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer break. The first day of the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for Monday August 21st.

Projects continue to be finalized from our recent bond proposal. Our students were able to utilize the new auxiliary gym in the high school this summer. It is our hope that all projects will be finalized by the first of the year. Thank you again to our community for supporting the 2020 bond proposal!

With your help, we hope that everyday this school year will be a G.R.E.A.T. day to be an Eagle!

Give and get respect
Responsible and safe
Engaged
Accepting
Trustworthy

Bill Crane, Superintendent

PowerSchool Parent Portal

In order to keep our information for your student as up-to-date as possible, we need your assistance. Please take a few minutes to update your students **Re-Enrollment Packet** that can be found in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you do not have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account created, please create one by visiting: <https://ps.kentcityschools.org/public/>. If you need assistance accessing your Parent Portal account, please contact your child's building office.



The Dean Transportation Daily Mission Statement: To serve our communities with caring, reliable, and efficient transportation where safety is our dedication, integrity is our cornerstone, and respect is fundamental.

The Kent City Community Schools Transportation Department ensures safe and reliable transportation. We have a staff of professionally trained and certified school bus drivers who use the utmost care bringing your students to and from school each day. We have a professional mechanic who maintains our fleet with a commitment to safety and reliability. The Transportation Supervisor strives to provide prompt and courteous services to all students and parents with integrity and efficiency. At Kent City Community Schools, we strive for excellence in Transportation services to you, our customers.

It is the mutual responsibility of the parent/guardian and school district personnel to make a reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with each other regarding safe and orderly pupil transportation.

Thank You for your support and cooperation, together we will have a great school year!!

Christine Beltinck
Transportation Supervisor
616-678-7641



School Closings and Delays

Adverse weather conditions and other emergency situations may make it necessary to cancel school, to delay the beginning of school, or to send students home early. Our transportation department is out early in the morning to check road conditions. They are in contact with neighboring school districts and the superintendent. The final decision is made by the superintendent. Whenever it is necessary to delay or close school, notice will be communicated through **TV channels 8, 13 and 17, the district Facebook page, and the district website www.kentcityschools.org.**

In the event of a two hour delay:

- * There will be no a.m. preschool.
- Buses will pick up students two hours later than normal.
- All classes will start two hours later than normal.
- No morning breakfast will be served.
- No 1st Session KCTC bus.

Cancellation of After School Activities

A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding contests, evening programs and practices.

Tornado Watch

All students will remain in school until regular dismissal. Parents may pick up their own children, but they may not pick up other children unless there is written permission on file for that to take place. For a **TORNADO WATCH AFTER SCHOOL HOURS**, after school activities may continue depending on the time of the expiration of the watch and the judgment of the coach or adult sponsor of the activity.

Tornado Warning

Students will be instructed to take shelter in designated areas with teachers and remain until the warning is lifted and the **ALL CLEAR** is announced. If necessary, after school busing will be delayed until the warning ends. For a **TORNADO WARNING AFTER SCHOOL HOURS**, club sponsors and coaches will seek the safest shelter and remain there until the warning is lifted.

Kent City Schools Directory

Administration Office **678-7714**
 Superintendent, Bill Crane
 Director of Maintenance/Operations, Doug Weston
 Business Manager, Nikki Anderson
 Human Resource Specialist, Season Chan

High School/Middle School **678-4210**
 Secondary Principal, Jordan Stuhan
 Secondary Assistant Principal, Curt Gerbers
 Athletic Director, Jason Vogel

Elementary **678-4181**
 Elementary Principal, Pamela Thomas
 Assistant Elementary Principal, Will Lepech
 Elementary Attendance Line **678-7570**

Special Education **678-4219**
 Director of Student Services, Eric VanTreese

Transportation **678-7641**
 Transportation Supervisor, Christine Beltnick

Food Service **678-4214**
 Food Service Director, Beth Ohman

Board of Education Members

President, Bruce Hawley
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Board Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

August 14 - September 11 - October 9
 November 13 - December 11 - January 8 -
 February 12 - March 11 - April 8 - May 13 -
 June 10

All meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the Administration Office Board Room, located at 200 N Clover Street, unless otherwise noted.



School Start/Dismissal Times

High School	7:55 am - 2:50 pm
Middle School	7:55 am - 2:50 pm
Elementary School	8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Kent City Elementary! I look forward to continued collaboration in providing our children at KCE an amazing place to be joyful, curious learners. The dedicated staff at Kent City Elementary has been working tirelessly to prepare their classrooms, fine-tune our instructional models, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations, all with the goal of providing the best learning environment for our students. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in this year's journey and encourage you to be active participants in your child's education. The partnership between home and school is what makes our school community at KCE a wonderful place for kids to learn and grow! We are looking forward to another outstanding and successful year!

~J^{am}

New Student Enrollment

Online enrollment is open for the 2023-24 school year! Go to www.kentcityschools.org/district/enrollment/ and fill out the pre-registration form to get started. You will then receive an email with instructions on how to complete the enrollment process. For questions or assistance, please call (616) 678-4181. **Welcome to KCE!!**

Child Care

KCE will once again offer Before School Child Care from 6-8am in addition to After School Child Care from 3-6pm this school year. For information regarding these programs please contact the office at (616) 678-4181, check the website under the Elementary-Before and After School Care tab or stop by the Child Care table at Open House.

Grade Level Supply Lists can be found at www.kentcityschools.org under the Elementary Communications tab.

Student Placement Information

A letter from your child's teacher along with additional back-to-school information will be mailed to each individual student the week of August 7th.

7th Annual KCE Walk-a-Thon

Wednesday, October 4th

Lace up your walking shoes and join us for our 7th Annual KCE Walk-a-Thon!! 100% of the money raised will go directly to our school to benefit our Kent City Elementary students. Walk-a-Thon packets will be coming home with students on Tuesday, September 12.



School Hours

8am-3pm

***Doors unlock at 7:45am**

Office Hours: 7:30am - 4pm

Attendance Line(616) 678-7570

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please call the attendance line prior to 10am.

KCE Upcoming Events

8/15 - Open House	6-7pm
Last Name: A-L @ 6-6:30pm	M-Z @ 6:30-7pm
8/15 - School Pictures	5:45-8pm
8/21 - First Day of School	
Flag Raising @ 9:00am	
8/24 - Early Release	12:00pm
8/25 - No School	
9/1-9/4 No School-Labor Day	
9/7 - Preschool Open House	9-10am
9/7 - Preschool Student Pictures	8:45-10:15am
9/11 - First Day of 4-year-old Preschool	
9/25-9/29 - KCE Spirit Week	
9/29 - Early Release	12:00pm
Homecoming	
10/2 - Picture Re-Take Day	
10/4 - KCE Walk-a-Thon	
10/13-17 - NO SCHOOL-FALL BREAK	
10/19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences	4:30pm
10/23-27 - Vision & Hearing Screenings	
10/26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30pm
10/31 - Halloween Classroom Parties/Parade	
Early Release	12:00pm

KCE Open House– Tuesday, August 15th, 6-7pm

Parents & students are invited to meet their teachers, visit their classrooms & get reacquainted with KCE at our Back-to-School Open House. Our Open House will be divided into two time frames by last name: **A-L 6-6:30pm** **M-Z 6:30-7pm**. **Student pictures will also be taken from 5:45-8:00pm**. Please bring the picture form from Geskus that you received in the mail to have your child's picture taken.

Familiar Faces, New Places

Mrs. Rachele Laperna— Moving to a Kindergarten classroom from 1st grade.

Mrs. Morgan Everingham—Moving to a 1st grade classroom from 3rd grade.

Preschool News...

Enrollment: The Great Start Readiness 4-Year-Old Preschool class lists are currently being created. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please complete an online application at preschool.kentisd.org or call the Great Start Readiness Program Intake line at 616-447-2409. If you have enrolled, you will be contacted by e-mail with placement information & other important details.



Transportation: Transportation is now available for some GSRP students. For more information, contact our transportation team at 616-678-7641.

Daily Schedule: M-Th, 8:00am-3:00pm, no Preschool on Fridays (Early Release Dismissal—12:00pm)

Preschool Open House—Thursday, September 7th, 9-10am

Preschool families will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet their teachers, & take part in a Parent Orientation. **Preschool student pictures will also be taken from 8:45-10:15am.**



We are excited to share that the construction of our outdoor greenhouse learning space was completed this summer! Students will learn how to grow food using hydroponics. In addition, our STEM teachers will incorporate nutrition lessons into their curriculum, teaching students about healthy eating and lifestyles, making good food choices, and even doing some cooking with the food they have grown.

Funding for this project was made possible through grants provided by the MISTEM network and U.S. Apple, as well as walk-a-thon donations made by our amazing families and community. Thank you so much for your support! We couldn't have done this without you! We would also like to thank All Around Excavating and Rustic Builders for constructing the greenhouse and Revolution Farms for setting up the inside for growing. Our students today, and for many years to come, will be the beneficiaries of your generosity and kindness!

Chromebooks

Students at both KCMS and KCHS will once again be issued a Chromebook at the start of the 23-24 school year. Each Chromebook will come with a charger and a protective carrying case. Please ensure that your student is taking good care of this device, keeping it in the protective case, and charging it on a nightly basis.

Students who would like to use their own device throughout the school day are welcomed to do so. Students who elect this option must still use their kenticityschools.org login to ensure that they have the same content filtering as school issued Chromebooks.

New MS Exploratory Classes

Students at Kent City Middle School will once again rotate through Art, Physical Education, and Computers for their morning exploratory classes. However, there will be some new options offered during our afternoon exploratory time.

Band: Band will once again be a year-long option for 7th and 8th grade students. All 6th grade students will take a trimester of band as part of their afternoon exploratory classes.

7th and 8th grade students who aren't in band and all 6th grade students will take the following classes:

Math Investigations: New in 23-24 is our Math Investigations exploratory. Mr. Hendricks has generated plenty of ideas of how to present students with a new perspective on math. This is an exciting new option for our students that may help KCMS students realize how applicable math is in countless different contexts.

Healthy Living: Mr. Castillo will be combining time spent in the classroom, in the gym, and in the kitchen to present students with an understanding of several aspects that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. We're excited that the gym will be in use during the afternoon and that we will once again be making use of the kitchen/home economics area in the MS.



Cell Phone Policy

Kent City MS and HS will continue to follow Board of Education Policy 5136 when handling cell phones during the school day.

BOE Policy 5136: Students may use personal communication devices (PCDs) before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities) and/or at school-related functions. Use of PCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited and they must be powered completely off (i.e., not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.

Familiar Faces, New Places

Mrs. Sofia Lopez — Moving to EL Teacher from EL Interventionist.

Mrs. Kara Alber—Moving to Secondary Resource Teacher from KCE EI Teacher

School Hours

7:55 am - 2:50 pm

***Doors unlock at 7:35 am**

Important Dates

August 16, 2023

- Open House from 6-8 pm**
**Chromebooks will be issued
- MS Informational Meeting
*6pm in HS Performing Arts Center
- HS Informational Meeting
*7 pm in HS Performing Arts Center

August 21, 2023

- First day of school

October 19, 2023

- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8 pm

March 14, 2024

- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8 pm

The very heart of what we do each day is Service. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve your families' school meal needs and strive to serve delicious, well-balanced meals in a safe, cheerful, and caring atmosphere.

Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 school year.

The Kent City School District participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and federally funded After School Snack Program (CACFP) & Summer Lunch Program (SLP). This allows us to serve breakfast, lunch and snack at each school daily and food during the summer break.

Kent City is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students starting this new school year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program! Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing household income information in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to.

As a household, you are responsible for completing the **Education Benefits Form**. Without this information, our district could lose important state funding for educational programs that students are entitled to. You can find this form at [Kentcity.familyportal.cloud](https://kentcity.familyportal.cloud). Through this link, you will fill out this form and deposit money to your child's account for ala carte purchases. This site can be found on our website under the Food Service link. Education Benefits Forms are also used in determining P-EBT payments, fee waivers and Title I funding for the school. Online is the safest and quickest way to fill out the form. Paper forms will be available in each building's office. All Education Benefits Forms are confidential.

You only need to fill out one form per family.

Lunch Menus are located under each school's communication tab. Please know these menus may be subject to change.

One milk is included with each Breakfast & Lunch. Additional Milk can be purchased for \$.50 each. Milk with a sack lunch from home is NOT free.

We look forward to welcoming your children to the cafeteria this fall. If you have and questions or concerns, please contact Beth Ohman, Food Service Director at 616-678-4214 x2105 or beth.ohman@kentcityschools.org.

Thank you!



Kent City Athletics 2023-2024

Up for the Challenge

We are coming off another great year for Kent City Athletics, which is a credit to our student-athletes at KCHS! The Eagles captured five conference championships (boys bowling, girls bowling, football, boys soccer, and volleyball, three district championships (girls basketball, volleyball, and wrestling), and one team qualified for the state finals (girls xc). Individually, Kent City student athletes earned 75 all-conference selections (57 1st Team, 2 2nd Team, & 16 Honorable Mention) and 12 all state selections.

It is sure an exciting time to be an Eagle, with the last of our renovations coming to a close. Our auxiliary gym is ready to go and has been busy all summer long. This extra gym space will allow us to get our student-athletes home sooner after school hours with more options for practices, plus extra space for teams when we are hosting events. We just finished our first full season on newly renovated baseball and softball fields, and continue to enjoy the work done to transform Ward Memorial Field!

We are heading into year two in our 11 team conference and found out this past spring that we would be playing in Division 2 in volleyball and boys basketball because of our enrollment (405). As we learned throughout 2022-23, adding five extra teams to the mix makes it more difficult to earn that top spot in conference play. However, we finished in the top half of the standings in 14 out of 17 sports and a podium finish (top three) in 11 of the 14. We should not be satisfied with moral victories, instead, let's use these close calls as motivation for the year to come! The increase in the number of schools, the size of the schools, and elevated competition are a welcomed challenge. Rather than complaining, make use of your time to be the best by doing all of the things that others won't — dedicate yourself to EXCELLENCE!! We know you are up for the challenge, and we are looking forward to another great year of Kent City Athletics!

MHSAA Official Fall Sports Practice Dates

August 7	HS Fall Sports
August 14	78ers Football
August 21	MS Cross Country, MS Boys Soccer
August 28	MS Volleyball
October 16	MS Boys Basketball
November 13	HS Girls Basketball, Bowling, & Wrestling
November 20	HS Boys Basketball
January 8	MS Wrestling & MS Girls Basketball
March 13	HS Spring Sports
March 20	MS Track & Field and MS Girls Soccer

Kent City Athletic Fee Information

High School Athletics:

Individual Student Athletes (All-Seasons): \$120
 Reduced Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): \$60
 Free Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): No Charge

Middle School Athletics:

Individual Student Athletes (All-Seasons): \$60
 Reduced Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): \$30
 Free Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): No Charge

Middle School & High School Family Cap: \$250

For families who would like to work off their son/daughter's athletic fee at Kent City home athletic events, please contact Athletic Director Jason Vogel at (616) 678-4210 or jason.vogel@kentcityschools.org for more details.



5th Annual Eagle Cup
 vs. Gladwin, Hopkins, & Montague
 Saturday, August 26, 2023
 1st Game at 9:00 am

Varsity Volleyball 10th Annual Dig Pink Invitational

Saturday, October 7, 2023
 at 9:00 am



2023 Homecoming Game
 Kent City vs Morley Stanwood
 September 29, 2023
 at 7:00 pm

Visit KENTCITYATHLETICS.COM for updates & more information!

2023-24 School Calendar

August 15	K-5 Open House 6-7 PM/Student Pictures 5:45-8 PM Professional Development for All Teachers
August 16	Secondary Open House/Student Pictures/Orientation 6-8 PM Professional Development for All Teachers
August 21	Classes Begin
August 24	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
August 25	No School for Students and Staff
September 1-4	No School – Labor Day Weekend
September 29	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
October 13-17	No School – Fall Break
October 18	School Resumes
October 19	Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 19 & 26	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5)
October 31	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
November 17	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
November 21	1st Trimester Ends (Secondary)
November 22-26	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
November 27	School Resumes
December 8	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
December 22	**Early Release for Students
Dec 25 - Jan 7	No School – Holiday Vacation
January 8	School Resumes
January 12	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
January 25	1st Semester Ends
January 26	No School – Records Day
February 9	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
February 16-20	No School - Mid-Winter Break
February 21	School Resumes
February 22 & 29	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5)
March 8	2nd Trimester Ends (Secondary)
March 14	Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 15	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
March 29 - April 7	No School - Spring Break
April 8	School Resumes
April 26	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
May 10	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
May 23	Senior Graduation
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
June 7	Last Day of School - 1/2 Day for All Students (<i>lunch will not be served</i>) 6-12 students release at 10:50am/Elementary students release at 11am 2nd Semester Ends/3rd Trimester Ends (Secondary)



****Please Note: Early Release Times**
6-12 students release at 11:50 am/Elementary students release at 12:00 pm
Lunch is served on Early Release Days

Directory Information

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Kent City Community Schools with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Kent City Community Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Kent City Community Schools to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: a play or music program, yearbook, honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs or sports activity lists.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Kent City Community Schools to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by November 1, 2023. Notification should be made at the school building your child attends.

Kent City Community Schools has designated the following information as directory information: Student's name, address, telephone number, date/place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height/weight if member of athletic team, dates of attendance; Date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; scholarships, photographs or videos of students participating in school activities, events or programs.

Asbestos Management Plan

Kent City Community Schools are required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act to make annual notification of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan. The school has conducted an extensive survey of all buildings. Based on the findings of the inspection, a comprehensive management plan has been created. The plan details the response actions regarding asbestos containing materials in the buildings. This plan is available during normal business hours, for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction. Please contact Doug Weston, Director of Operations, (616) 678-7714.

Notice of Non-discrimination

Kent City Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, should be directed to: Jason Vogel, District Title IX Coordinator, 200 N Clover St, Kent City, MI 49330, (616) 678-7714. Grievance procedures for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990; or the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, should be directed to: Bill Crane, Superintendent, 200 N. Clover St., Kent City, MI 49330, (616)678-7714.

Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, should be directed to building administrators. Middle School/High School: Jordan Stuhan, Principal, 351 N. Main St., Kent City, MI 49330, (616)678-4210. Elementary: Pam Thomas, Principal, 29 College, Kent City, MI 49330, (616)678-4181.

Homeless Services

If your family finds yourself in a homeless situation including living in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, on the street, or other inadequate accommodation, or doubled up with friends/relatives because you cannot afford housing, please contact Susan Brummel, Homeless Liaison, through any of the school offices or calling 616-678-7714.

Students with Disabilities

The Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) requires all children (0-25) with disabilities residing in the State of Michigan, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified and evaluated. If you feel your child may have a disability that prohibits s/he from succeeding educationally, please contact your child's building principal, or the Special Education Office if your child is not in school, at 616-678-4219.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

It is the public policy of this state that all persons, except those persons incarcerated in state or local correctional facilities, are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process. In compliance with requests for public records in accordance with the Michigan FOIA, Kent City Community Schools will process all FOIA requests in accordance with the requirements of FOIA and the school policies and procedures. FOIA requests should be made in writing and addressed to the FOIA Coordinator, Season Chan, Kent City Schools, 200 N. Clover St., Kent City, MI 49330.

Notification of Rights for Elementary and Secondary Schools

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 are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day Kent City Community Schools receives a request for access.
- Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.
- Parents or eligible students who wish to ask Kent City to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal and 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 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 or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- 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. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. 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. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school or school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request or the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student.]

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Kent City to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Student Privacy Policy Office ~ U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW ~ Washington, DC 20202

Title I

As an educational institution that receives funds under Title I, Kent City Community Schools is required to notify all parents that you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher including:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the level(s) and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by Title I paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Requests may be done by contacting the Business Office Specialist, Nikki Anderson, at 616-678-7714.

Board Policies

A Link to view all Board Policies, including the districts' policies on Bullying (5517.01) and Search & Seizure (5771) can be found under the District section, Board of Education (scroll down to Board Policies) at kentcityschools.org. Printed copies of these policies can be requested by contacting the district administration office at 616-678-7714.

Pesticides

Occasionally, Kent City Community Schools uses pesticides in our buildings for pest control. If you would like to be informed prior to these applications, please call Doug Weston, Director of Operations, (616)678-7714.



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200 N Clover St
Kent City, MI 49330

It's a great day to be an Eagle!

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Kent City Community Schools



Kent City Elementary



Kent City MS/HS



Kent City Athletics
School

We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2023-24 school year!

Thank you for choosing Kent City Community Schools! We look forward to educating your child.

New Student Registration - Kindergarten/ECSE/Y5 through 12th Grade

To begin the enrollment process, please verify your resident district <https://www.oaisd.org/about-us/local-schools/resident-district-lookup/> - This link will assist in verifying what school district you reside in.

- ◇ If you reside within Kent City Community School district, please continue the enrollment process by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.kentcityschools.org/district/enrollment/>
- ◇ If you do not reside within the KCCS district, please complete the *Schools of Choice Application* at this link <https://forms.gle/LrtD88zP7iNQ5Y9j8>. Upon approval, you will receive an email regarding your next steps in enrollment.



If you have questions or need assistance, please email enrollment@kentcityschools.org to schedule an appointment.

GSRP Preschool

Please visit <https://preschool.kentisd.org/Apply> to enroll your preschool-age student in our Great Start Readiness Program.