



Eagle Insider

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

August 2024

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WELCOME



BACK 2024/2025

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Superintendent Message

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to see all students back on campus in a few weeks. Throughout this edition of the Eagle Insider you will find valuable information as you gear up for the first day of school on Monday, August 26th.

Please be sure to complete all re-enrollment paperwork that was sent to parents/guardians in July. It is important for us to have up to date information in our student information management system to begin the school year.

I want to share with you the three goals our board of education has set for the district. I am appreciative of the work our board of education does to help make Kent City Community Schools the amazing district it is. First, the board of education has asked that we raise our student achievement. This is the perfect place to start because it puts the focus on our students! We take pride in providing our students with a quality education. Our first rate educators go above and beyond to give all students the opportunity to make the most of their experience while at KCCS. I was told often by my former boss that “the product of our district is the achievement of our students.” To help all students achieve their very best we will continue to focus our efforts on providing a content rich curriculum with research based best practices in teaching. This will give our students a foundation to be successful in life after they graduate from Kent City Community Schools. Whether that next step is college or career, a content rich curriculum partnered with research based best practices in teaching will allow our students to be ready for whatever lies ahead.

The next goal from the board of education revolves around increasing student mental health support. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in the number of student mental health incidents. To achieve this we have partnered with two different community based organizations. Last school year we worked with Arbor Circle to place a full time social worker in our district to provide year round support for students and their families. As we continue our work with Arbor Circle we will also begin a partnership with Family Health Care to utilize the Expanding, Enhancing Emotional Health program (E3 program) through the state of Michigan. The E3 program will provide another full time, year round therapist to work with students and families. Funded by a state grant, the E3 program has nearly all of its costs covered.

The third and final goal is to continue the strong financial footing our district currently has in place. As a Michigan public school system our budget is greatly affected by the budget set by our lawmakers in Lansing. We have been intentional to make financial decisions that include doing what is best for students and staff while making sure to focus on maintaining an appropriate fund balance. This year’s budget from the state presents us with some challenges in certain areas. For example, the state has cut funding for school safety and student mental health from \$230 per student during the 2023/2024 school year to less than \$25 per student in the 2024/2025 school year. Our team created a budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year that continues all school safety and mental health support for our students. This will cause us to dip into our fund balance, but still allows us to provide as much support as we can for the students of KCCS.

As we finish another wonderful Michigan summer, I hope that you are just as excited as we are to start this school year. Because of this community and the students we serve, we know that every day is A GREAT Day To Be An Eagle!

See you soon!

Bill Crane
Superintendent





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 Superintendent and transportation department is out early in the morning to check road conditions. They are in contact with neighboring school districts. 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 & building Facebook pages, 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 Director, Sarah Earnest

High School 678-4210
 Principal, Jordan Stuhan
 Athletic Director, Jason Vogel

Middle School 678-4214
 Principal, Curt Gerbers

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

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

Transportation 678-7641
 Transportation Supervisor, Darcy Price

Food Service 678-4214
 Food Service Director, Beth Ohman

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



KENT CITY

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Kent City Elementary! The elementary school years are such an exciting time of development and growth for our students, and we look forward to working with all of you to make this the best year ever. Our dedicated educators at Kent City Elementary have been working diligently to prepare their classrooms, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations, all with the goal of providing the best learning environment for our students.

In addition, we always value the strong partnership we have with our parents and community members and look forward to our continued collaboration in this year's journey. Your involvement and support 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! ~Pam

KCE Open House

Tuesday, August 20th, 5:30-6:30pm

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 5:30-6pm M-Z 6-6:30pm. Student pictures will also be taken from 5:15-7:15 pm in the Art Room and Gym. Please bring the picture form from Geskus that you received in the mail to have your child's picture taken.

Child Care

KCE will be offering Before School Child Care from 6-8am and 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 5th.

8th Annual KCE Walk-a-Thon

Wednesday, September 25

Lace up your walking shoes and join us for our 8th 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 Wednesday, September 4th.

Preschool Open House

Thursday, September 5th, 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 8:45-10:15 am.**

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

8/20	Open House	5:30-6:30pm
	Last Name: A-L @ 5:30-6pm	M-Z @ 6-6:30pm
8/20	School Pictures	5:15-7:15pm
8/26	First Day of School	
	Flag Raising @ 9:00am	
8/30-9/2	No School-Labor Day	
9/5	Preschool Open House	9:00-10:00am
	Pictures	8:45-10:15am
9/9-9/12	Preschool Half Days	(11:15am dismissal)
9/20	K-5 Early Release	12:00pm
9/25	KCE Walk-a-Thon	
9/30	Picture Re-Take Day	
10/7-11	Spirit Week	
10/9-16	Book Fair	
10/10	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4:30pm
10/15	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30pm
10/28-30	Vision & Hearing Screenings	
10/31	Halloween Classroom Parties/Parade	



Chromebooks

Sixth grade KCMS students will be issued a Chromebook at our open house on August 20th. Seventh and Eighth grade students will return to school with the Chromebook they were issued last school year. Each Chromebook has 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 @kentcityschools.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 as well.

Band: Band will 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:

Weather and Climate: Mrs. Sutton will be exploring geography with a focus on weather and climate. This course will include hands-on activities to help students experience the content first-hand.

Creative Writing: Ms. Stricklin will be working with seventh graders in a new creative writing elective. This course will include writing games, poetry, journalism and many other opportunities for students to explore their creativity through writing. Students will also gain inspiration by reading various types of writing.

Cell Phone Policy

MS and HS students are allowed to use cell phones before and after school. During school hours phones are expected to be turned off and in the student's locker. Capturing images and video at school is prohibited.

NWEA MAP Testing

We'll continue monitoring student progress with the NWEA MAP Test with each grade level taking the English and Math tests and the 8th grade also taking the Science test.

MTSS/PBIS

Our PBIS program continues to grow starting again with our First Four Days. Students will spend time each day with their "Family" to help build relationships and belonging for each student. This will continue throughout the year with our Family Cup competitions, reward days, and our school store. Students can purchase items at the school store using Eagles coins they earn by showing appropriate behaviors throughout the school day.

Staff Updates

Mr. Curt Gerbers - Moving from Secondary Assistant Principal to Middle School Principal.

Mr. Chad Kik - Moving from HS ELA Teacher to 6th-12th MTSS Coordinator

Miss Kelli Stricklin is a 2021 graduate of GVSU and spent the last 3 years teaching 7th grade in Fennville, MI. This year she is excited to be joining the team at Kent City and will be teaching 7th grade Creative Writing Exploratory and 7th & 9th grade ELA.

Mr. Jordan Stuhan - Moving from Secondary Principal to High School Principal.

School Hours

7:55 am - 2:50 pm
 *Doors unlock at 7:35 am

Important Dates

August 20, 2024

- Open House from 6-8 pm**
 **Chromebooks will be issued to 6th graders
- Student School Pictures from 3-8pm
- MS Informational Meeting
 *6pm in MS Cafeteria
- HS Informational Meeting
 *6 pm in HS Performing Arts Center
 *Open to all grades

August 26, 2024

- First day of school

October 3, 2024

- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8 pm

February 27, 2025

- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8 pm

MHSAA Official Fall Sports Practice Dates

August 12	HS Fall Sports
August 19	78ers Football
August 26	MS XC, MS Boys Soccer, MS Volleyball
October 21	MS Boys Basketball
November 11	HS Boys Basketball, Bowling, & Wrestling
November 18	HS Girls Basketball
January 6	MS Wrestling & MS Girls Basketball
March 10	HS Spring Sports
March 17	MS Track & Field and MS Girls Soccer

Kent City Athletic Website

For everything Kent City Athletics, visit www.kentcityathletics.com



Feature Articles / Game Results / Schedules / Pictures



6th Annual Eagle Cup
vs. Covert, Hopkins, & Montague
Saturday, August 24, 2024
1st Game at 9:00 am

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.



2024 Homecoming Game

Kent City vs Hart
September 20, 2024
at 7:00 pm

Varsity Volleyball 11th Annual Dig Pink Invitational

Saturday, October 5, 2024
at 9:00 am



Kent City Athletics 2024-2025

Onward and Upward!

In many ways, 2023-24 was a learning year for many of our varsity teams. A number of our teams featured underclassmen in key roles, and it showed, as the Eagles only captured two conference championships (football and volleyball), one Regional championship (girls track and field), and one team qualified for the state finals (girls xc). Individually, Kent City student athletes earned 60 all-conference selections (38 1st Team, 8 2nd Team, & 14 Honorable Mention) and 9 all state selections.

In addition to the experience gained last year, the move by the CSAA to go back to divisions will also offer the Eagles more opportunity to compete for conference championships. Instead of 11 teams, Kent City will be in the White Division along with Central Montcalm, Lakeview, Morley Stanwood, and White Cloud for baseball, basketball, cross-country, softball, track and field, and volleyball. Our bowling, golf, soccer, and wrestling teams will compete in the Blue Division, while the bigger schools will be in the Red Division.

Another exciting change for 2024-25 is our move to digital forms. Instead of stacks of paperwork that we have to constantly chase down in the preseason, these forms will be accessible via your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account. All of this information can be completed on your phone or computer and will allow us to track important information and better prepare for emergencies. As the beginning of the 2024-25 season gets closer, we will be helping everyone complete these mandatory forms that are designed for our student-athletes' safety and open lines of communication. Prior to competing for the Eagles, this information will need to be completed!

We are looking for a resurgence by the Eagles in 2024-25 as we use the many lessons learned from last season, to continue on our quest for EXCELLENCE!

Jason Vogel, Athletic Director

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 2024 – 2025 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 continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program. Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing confidential 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.

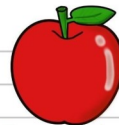
Lunch Menus are located under each school's communication tab. Please know these menus may be subject to change.

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.

Thank you!

Beth Ohman
 Food Service Director
 616-678-4214 x 2105
beth.ohman@kentcityschools.org



IT'S MORE THAN A FORM

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to return their Education Benefits Form.

Completing this form takes less than 5 minutes and can help students receive important resources.

EVERY FORM COUNTS

Every application that is not submitted means lost educational programs and resources for our students.

Filling out the Education Benefits Form may help provide:

HEALTH & WELLNESS SERVICES



FEE WAIVERS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & ADMISSIONS TESTS



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMIC & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



RESOURCES FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND CHILDREN

GUIDANCE & COLLEGE COUNSELORS



Scan the QR code or go to <https://kentcity.familyportal.cloud/>

2024-25 School Calendar

August 20	K-5 Open House 5:30-6:30 PM & Student Pictures 5:15-7:15 PM Secondary Open House 6-8 PM & Student Pictures 3-8 PM Information Meeting 6 PM (MS in Cafeteria/HS in Performing Arts Center)
August 20-22	Professional Development for All Teachers
August 26	Classes Begin
Aug 30 - Sept 2	No School – Labor Day Weekend
September 3	School Resumes
September 20	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
October 3	Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 10 & 15	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5)
October 11	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
October 18-21	No School – Fall Break
October 22	School Resumes
November 22	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
November 27-29	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
December 2	School Resumes
December 20	**Early Release for Students - Records Day for All Teachers
Dec 21 - Jan 5	1st Semester Ends No School – Holiday Vacation
January 6	School Resumes
January 24	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
February 6 & 11	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5)
February 14-17	No School - Mid-Winter Break
February 18	School Resumes
February 27	Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 28	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
March 28	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
April 4-13	No School - Spring Break
April 14	School Resumes
April 25	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
May 22	Senior Graduation
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
June 6	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 Records Day for All Teachers

****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



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.



TRANSPORTATION

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!!

Darcy Price
Transportation Supervisor
616-678-7641



Board of Education Members

President, Bruce Hawley
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Trustee, Sandra Vanderhyde-Volkers
Trustee, Kyle Larson



Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2025

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

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

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, 2024. 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; studentships, 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: 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: 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. High School Principal, 351 N. Main St., Kent City, MI 49330, (616) 678-4210; Middle School Principal, 285 N. Main St., Kent City, MI 49330, (616) 678-4214; Elementary: 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 Sarah Earnest, McKinney-Vento 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 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, 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 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 Jason Vogel, Grounds Supervisor at (616) 678-4210.



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School

We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2024-25 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 <https://forms.gle/LJLhcdYpWEX5awqj6>. 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.

