



Eagle Insider

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

August 2025

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Class of 2025

On Thursday, May 22nd, we gathered as a community to celebrate a major milestone, the graduation of the Kent City High School Class of 2025. The ceremony was more than just a recognition of academic achievement; it was a heartfelt tribute to this remarkable group of students.

Throughout the evening, we reflected on the many ways the Class of 2025 has made a difference in our school district. From leadership in the classroom and excellence on the athletic fields to their involvement in the arts and dedication to service, these students have set a powerful example for the classes that follow.

It was an evening filled with pride, gratitude, and hope. We thank the graduates for all they have contributed during their time at Kent City Schools and wish them nothing but success as they step forward into the next chapter of their lives.

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Dear Kent City Community,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a wonderful summer and making lasting memories with friends and family. As we look ahead to the coming school year, I want to take a moment to express just how grateful we are for your continued support of Kent City Community Schools.

Our district is incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by a community that values education, rallies around its schools, and always shows up in support of our students. Whether it's cheering at athletic events, volunteering in our classrooms, or attending a band concert, our community members consistently go above and beyond to show they care. This strong partnership creates an environment where our students can thrive both academically and personally. We are deeply grateful for the continued encouragement, generosity, and pride that our community brings to everything we do.

The recent Kent City Freedom Fest on June 27 was a wonderful celebration and a powerful reminder of what makes our community so special. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped organize and support this annual event; your efforts continue to create memories and something our community can eagerly anticipate each summer. I was honored to take part in the festivities by volunteering for the dunk tank, an experience I won't soon forget! And yes, I did keep track of the students who successfully dunked me.....I've got your names, all in good fun!

The Freedom Fest truly showcased the heart of Kent City: a deep sense of community, a spirit of unity, and a shared commitment to supporting one another. These are the same values we strive to model every day at Kent City Community Schools. We hope you see that same pride, connection, and dedication reflected in our students and staff.

As we move into the 2025-26 school year, we are excited to continue building on that connection. We have two exciting events already planned to bring our Eagle families together:

- **Eagle Family Night – Thursday, September 11:** This evening will focus on student mental health and how our schools and families can partner to promote well-being for all students. We believe in supporting the whole child, and mental health is an essential part of student success.
- **Homecoming & All-Class Reunion – Friday, September 26:** Homecoming is a time to celebrate tradition and welcome back our alumni. This year, we are inviting all Kent City High School graduates to an **All-Class Reunion** following the parade and leading up to the 7:00 p.m. football game. The high school will be open for tours, giving alumni the chance to see the many improvements made to the building, and we'll have light refreshments for all to enjoy. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

We are proud to be part of a community that believes in the power of education, connection, and tradition. Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and throughout the school year.

It's a G.R.E.A.T. day to be an Eagle!

Bill Crane
Superintendent
Kent City Community Schools





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 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, Julie Scott
 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

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 2025 – 2026 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.

As of the writing of this communication, we are still waiting for confirmation from the State of Michigan if school meals will be free to everyone this year. IF the State of Michigan approves free breakfast and lunch for all students: Kent City will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. This means every student can enjoy a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE. 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.

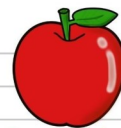
As a household, you are responsible for completing the Education Benefits Form. Without this information, our district could lose important state funding for educational programs that students are entitled to. You can find this form at [Kentcity.familyportal.cloud](https://kentcity.familyportal.cloud). 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 Sun Buck payments, fee waivers and Title I funding for the school. Online is the safest and quickest way to fill out the form. However, 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

GUIDANCE & COLLEGE
COUNSELORS



RESOURCES FOR
CLASSROOM
TEACHERS AND
CHILDREN

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

FEED YOUR MIND
FUEL YOUR BODY
LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Kent City Elementary! I am thrilled to begin this journey with you as your new school principal, and to partner with you to help prepare our students for a bright and successful future.

The beginning of a new school year is always a time of excitement and possibilities. It is an opportunity for growth, learning, and forging new connections within our school community. The dedicated staff at Kent City Elementary is committed to providing a nurturing environment that supports academic, social, and emotional development for all students. We also look to our families to be positive partners and active participants in their child's education. The partnership between home and school is what makes KCE a wonderful place for kids to learn and grow!

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this another successful and memorable year! ~ Julie

KCE Open House - Tuesday, August 19th, 6-7 pm

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 6-6:30 pm M-Z 6:30-7 pm. Student pictures will also be taken from 5:45-7:30 pm in the Multipurpose 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 6-8 am and After School Child Care from 3-6 pm. 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 Communications tab.

Student Placement Information

A letter from your child's teacher along with additional back-to-school information will be e-mailed to each individual student starting the week of August 4th.

8th Annual KCE Walk-a-Thon - Thurs, September 25

Lace up your walking shoes and join us for our 9th Annual KCE Walk-a-Thon! 100% of the money raised will go directly to our school to benefit our Kent City Elementary students both academically and socially. Walk-a-Thon packets will be coming home with students on Wednesday, September 3rd.

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 pre-school.kentisd.org or call the intake line at (616) 447-2409. If you have enrolled, you will be contacted by e-mail with placement information & other important details.

Transportation is 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 (Half Day Dismissal—11:15 am)

Open House - Thursday, September 4th, 9-10am

Families will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet their teachers, & take part in a Parent Orientation. **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

KCE Upcoming Events

8/19	Open House	6-7 pm
Last Name: A-L @ 6-6:30pm M-Z @ 6:30-7 pm		
8/19	School Pictures	5:45-7:30 pm
8/25	First Day of School	
	Flag Raising @ 9:00 am	
8/29-9/1	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day	
9/4	Preschool Open House	9:00-10:00 am
	Pictures	8:45-10:15 am
9/8-9/11	Preschool Half Days (11:15am dismissal)	
9/22-9/26	KCE Spirit Week	
9/25	KCE Walk-a-Thon	
9/26	Early Release	12:00 pm
9/29	Picture Re-Take Day	
10/8-10/15	Book Fair	
10/9	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30 pm
10/10	Early Release	12:00 pm
10/14	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30 pm
10/17-10/20	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break	
10/31	Halloween Classroom Parties/Parade	

Attendance Line(616) 678-7570

Your child's regular attendance at school is one of the most important factors contributing to successful achievement. Parents are the biggest influence in regard to a child's attendance at school. Please support and encourage your child's consistent and daily attendance.

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please call the attendance line at (616) 678-7570 prior to 10am and leave a message with the reason for your child's absence or tardiness.



Chromebooks

New for 2025–26: District-Issued Chromebook Required for All Students

Beginning this school year, all students will be **required to use a school-issued Chromebook** for their coursework and classroom activities. **Personal devices such as laptops or tablets will no longer be permitted** for use during the school day. This change will help us provide a more consistent, secure, and supported digital learning experience for all students.

Most students will still have the Chromebook that was issued during the 2024–25 school year, and they should bring it with them, fully charged, on the first day of school. Chromebooks will be issued to incoming 6th graders at the Open House on August 20th. If your student no longer has their Chromebook or if it is damaged, please contact the school office as soon as possible, so we can help with a replacement.

We appreciate your support as we make this transition. Our goal is to ensure every student has the tools they need for success in and out of the classroom.

Cell Phones at KCHS

In alignment with new legislation passed in Michigan and our ongoing commitment to creating a focused, distraction-free learning environment, students will be expected to keep their cell phones stored in their lockers throughout the school day.

Under Michigan's new law, school districts are encouraged to limit or restrict student cell phone use during instructional time. At Kent City Middle and High School, this means cell phones may not be used in any classroom at any time, unless explicitly permitted by a teacher for educational purposes.

We understand that cell phones are a part of students' daily lives, but they are a frequent source of distraction and disruption. This policy is designed to support student engagement, learning, and well-being.

Consequences for cell phone use during class are as follows:

- **First Offense:** The phone will be confiscated and may be picked up by the student at the end of the school day.
- **Second Offense:** The phone will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian. The student will be issued a lunch detention.
- **Third or Subsequent Offenses:** A meeting will be held with the student, parent/guardian, and an administrator to develop an individualized plan to ensure future compliance with the policy. The student will be issued two lunch detentions or an after-school detention.

We ask families to help reinforce these expectations and contact the main office if they need to reach their student during the school day.

Thank you for partnering with us to support a positive and productive school environment.

Capturing Images and Recording – Student Expectations

To protect the privacy and safety of everyone in our school community, students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices to capture photos, videos, or audio recordings of any student, staff member, or other individual during the school day—unless they have express permission from a staff member and those being recorded.

Additionally, using a cell phone or any device to record or take photos in areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy—such as bathrooms, locker rooms, or changing areas—is strictly prohibited.

Violations of this policy will be treated seriously and may result in disciplinary action. We ask for your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home and helping our students understand the importance of respecting others' privacy and dignity.

New Testing Policy for Online Courses

As part of our continued commitment to academic integrity, all students enrolled in online courses through Kent City Virtual Academy will now be required to take tests and unit assessments in person at the school building. This is a new policy starting with the 2025–26 school year.

Previously, students could complete all coursework from home, including tests. However, in-person testing will now be required to ensure the validity of assessments and to support student success. Specific testing times and procedures will be shared by the online classroom staff as the school year begins.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement this change to strengthen the integrity and quality of our online learning program.

School Hours

7:55 am - 2:50 pm

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

Important Dates

August 20, 2025

- Open House from 6-8 pm
- Student School Pictures from 3-8 pm
- MS Welcome Back Informational Meeting
*6pm in MS Cafeteria
- HS Welcome Back Informational Meeting
*7 pm in HS Performing Arts Center

August 25, 2025

- First day of school

Academic Focus for 2025–26: Student Engagement

At Kent City Middle and High School, we believe that students thrive when they are connected, challenged, and see value in what they're learning. That's why our academic focus for the 2025–26 school year is Student Engagement.

Student engagement goes beyond just paying attention in class—it's about creating an environment where students are actively involved in their learning, see the relevance of school to their lives and future, and are present both physically and mentally each day.

Here are a few specific ways we'll be working toward this goal:

- **Improved Attendance:** We're emphasizing the importance of showing up every day. Consistent attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success, and we'll be working with students and families to remove barriers to getting to school.
- **Active Learning Strategies:** Our teachers will continue to implement instructional strategies that get students thinking, talking, creating, and solving problems—not just listening. Whether it's small group discussion, project-based learning, or hands-on activities, students will be more involved in the learning process.
- **Relevance in the Classroom:** We want students to see how what they learn today matters tomorrow. Teachers will highlight real-world connections, career pathways, and the skills students need for life after high school.

We're excited about this focus and believe it will make a lasting impact on student growth and achievement. Thank you for being a critical partner in your child's educational journey. We look forward to a year filled with meaningful learning and stronger connections!

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC MISSION STATEMENT

The student-athlete experience should complement the educational mission of schools. Interscholastic team membership and competition should be extensions of the classroom for positive learning opportunities. A positive educational environment provides students with opportunities to grow intellectually, physically, and emotionally. Coaches, as the teachers, should be role models to enhance the learning climate of interscholastic athletics. Parents, fans, and students should be the partners with coaches and student-athletes in the pursuit of appropriate learning goals.

MHSAA Official Sports Practice Dates

August 11	HS Fall Sports
August 25	MS XC, MS Boys Soccer, MS Volleyball
November 12	HS Boys Basketball
November 10	Bowling
November 17	Wrestling
November 19	HS Girls Basketball
March 9	HS Spring Sports



7th Annual Eagle Cup
vs. Montague & Potters House
Saturday, August 23, 2025
1st Game at 9:00 am



2025 Homecoming Game
Kent City vs Lakeview
September 26, 2025
7:00 pm

Varsity Volleyball
12th Annual
Dig Pink Invitational
Saturday, October 4, 2025
9:00 am



Kent City Athletic Website

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

Feature Articles/Game Results/Schedules/Pictures



2025-26 School Calendar

August 19-21	Professional Development for All Teachers
August 19	K-5 Open House 6-7 PM & Student Pictures 5:45-7:30 PM
August 20	Secondary Open House 6-8 PM & Student Pictures 6-8 PM MS Information Meeting 6 PM in MS Cafeteria HS Information Meeting 7 PM in HS Performing Arts Center
August 25	Classes Begin
Aug 29 - Sept 1	No School – Labor Day Weekend
September 2	School Resumes
September 26	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
October 9 & 14	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5)
October 10	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
October 17-20	No School – Fall Break
October 21	School Resumes
November 14	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
November 26-28	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation
December 1	School Resumes
December 19	**Early Release for Students
Dec 22 - Jan 2	No School – Holiday Vacation
January 5	School Resumes
January 23	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
February 5 & 10	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5)
February 13-16	No School - Mid-Winter Break
February 17	School Resumes
February 27	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
March 27	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
April 3-10	No School - Spring Break
April 13	School Resumes
April 24	**Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers
May 21	Senior Graduation
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
June 5	Last Day of School - 1/2 Day for All Students (<i>lunch will not be served</i>) 6-12 students release at 10:50 am Elementary students release at 11 am Records Day for All Teachers

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

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Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026

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



*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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We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2025-26 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 www.oaisd.org/about-us/schools/ - 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 www.kentcityschools.org/district/enrollment/
- ◇ If you do not reside within the KCCS district, please complete the Non-Resident Application located on the enrollment page on our kentcityschools.org website. 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

Visit <https://preschool.kentisd.org/Apply> to enroll your 4-year-old student in the Great Start Readiness Program.