

## Manchester Community Schools

Educational Excellence in a Caring Community

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### Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Superintendent

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#### "Educational Excellence in a Caring Community"

These words summarize our vision as a school district. It is a vision that both describes what we are about and that for which we will continuously strive.

Our Board of Education has established goals designed to focus our efforts on behalf of students. Our goals for this school year are:

**Student Achievement** - Develop, implement, teach and assess a competitive instructional program for all grade levels.

**Communication** - Improve board, administration, staff and community relations.

**Financial** - Maintain and strengthen the financial condition of the school district.

**School Safety** - Study, recommend and implement policy, practice, and physical plant updates that improve student safety.

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The Manchester Community School District is in Southwestern Washtenaw County, approximately 20 miles southwest of Ann Arbor. The school district enjoys a high level of involvement and support from parents and citizens. The Manchester Community Schools offer a robust academic program which includes strong core content area instruction, as well as art education, physical education, vocal and instrumental music, business and technology courses, career technical opportunities, athletics, foreign languages (Spanish and German), Advanced Placement courses, and a broad array of extracurricular activities. The Manchester Community School districts provides educational excellence in a caring community.

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#### **Enroll NOW for 2010-2011 School of Choice**

Manchester Schools participates in *Schools of Choice* and accepts Washtenaw County students *and* students from counties that physically border Washtenaw County. Applications can be picked up at the central administration office or any of the school building offices. For further information, please call 734-428-9711 ext. 1000.

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#### **Accreditation**

Accreditation means a school has met the standards set by an outside agency. All three of our schools are state accredited and achieve the highest levels of student performance on state evaluations.

In addition, during the 2008-2009 school year, Manchester High School, Manchester Middle School, and Klager Elementary School all maintained their North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) accreditation (<http://www.nca.umich.edu/> to learn more).

#### **Report Card**

Manchester Community Schools is the only district in Washtenaw County that received all A's at all grade levels for the past two years.

Education YES! grades for schools are calculated based on MEAP/MME student achievement data (including MEAP status and change components), indicators of school performance, and AYP status of the school.

Information regarding the Michigan School Report Card, AYP, and Ed YES! grades are available at: <https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/>.

#### **Grading and Student Information**

Manchester Community Schools uses a student information system called Skyward. This provides parents with 24/7 access to school information related to grades, discipline and attendance.

# Manchester High School

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Kevin Mowrer, Principal

## Mission Statement

Manchester High School believes that through partnership with community, parents, and school family, all students will be challenged to obtain the skills necessary to realize their highest personal potential.

The success of the Mission will be monitored through Student Achievement Data, Co-Curricular Participation, Graduation Rates, and Surveys. Use of the feedback will lead to exemplary education and constant improvement vital to success.

The high school is located in the northwestern corner of Manchester. The new high school building was completed in 2004. The facility has an excellent performing arts center, gym, weight room, media center, telecommunications lab, as well as many academic resources including Smartboards and projector screens in most classrooms.

## Curriculum

The high school curriculum consists of core courses in the following areas: English, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, Physical Education, Health, Fine/Applied Arts, and Computers. Over 21 different general elective courses are also available to students. Career and technical education courses, which lead to the development of job skills, are offered through the South and West Washtenaw Consortium with Chelsea, Dexter, Saline, and Milan schools. Manchester is the site for Business Education classes and Agricultural Science programs for the consortium.

## Extra-Curricular Activities & Clubs

We belong to the Cascades Conference and provide competition in the following areas: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, golf, softball, track, cross-country, volleyball, gymnastics and wrestling. Drama Club, German Club, Spanish Club, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, Key Club, FFA, Student Council, and SADD are also available to students.

## Spring 2009 MME Scores

Results of the Spring 2009 Michigan Merit Exam were recently released. Scores were released in six areas, and the Manchester Community School District had the highest scores among all Washtenaw County school districts in four of the six reported areas. We are proud of the success of our students!

## Advanced Placement Courses

The faculty knows the importance of students being prepared when entering college. Therefore, we offer Advanced Placement classes in Calculus, U.S. History, and English Literature.

## College Courses

Manchester High School works with post-secondary educational institutions to give options for qualified students. Such course work is usually taken at Washtenaw Community College. The District pays partial tuition for each qualified student who wishes to take advanced classes not offered at Manchester.

## Michigan Virtual High School

Manchester High School allows seniors to take some high school courses online through Michigan Virtual High School. Counseling staff can provide specifics for individual students.

# Manchester Middle School

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Shanna Spickard, Principal

## Mission Statement

The mission of Manchester Middle School is to provide a secure, challenging learning environment which will empower all students to achieve their greatest potential. The MMS team joins the parents and community to assist students in developing skills necessary to become successful, responsible, contributing citizens.

## Manchester Middle School

The building serves approximately 400 students in grades 5-8. During the 2008-09 school year, the building focused on reading apprenticeship and school improvement work with writing. The staff worked to align curriculum with the state of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and worked to establish course schedules with better balance for all students. Health and fitness education were also a high priority this year. At-risk services were added during the school year, with a commitment to continue to address this area of need in the coming school year. In addition to state MEAP testing, NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments are administered in the fall and spring, providing individual student growth data as well as scores that can be compared to national norms. The Middle School is committed to using data and best-practice research to drive school improvement efforts.

## Curriculum

In addition to the four core subjects – Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies – each grade has its own exploratory classes.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Band
- Oral interpretation
- Computers
- Creative expression
- Health
- Physical education

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Art
- Band
- Creative writing
- Foreign Language
- Equations
- Physical education

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Art
- Band
- Computers
- Current events
- Physical education
- Science Inquiry

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Art
- Band
- Computers
- Economics
- Health
- Physical education

\*\*all exploratory offerings are subject to availability

## Special Programs

Manchester Middle School offers special programs and services for special education, migrant/bilingual students, and accelerated math students.

## Points of Pride

- Athletic offerings
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip
- Band program
- NCA Accredited
- Active PTSA
- Student Council
- Builder's Club
- Accelerated Math Offerings

## NWEA Testing:

NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests are administered to students in grades 5-8 twice each year. These are computer adaptive tests, which means that as a student responds to questions, the test responds to the student, adjusting up or down in difficulty. Results from these tests are shared with students, teachers, parents and administrators to set and assess goals for student academic progress over the course of the school year.

# Luther C. Klager Elementary

Educational Excellence in a Caring Community

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Jennifer Mayes, Principal

## Mission Statement

"ALL students will be challenged to obtain the skills necessary to realize their highest personal potential."

## Greetings from the Principal

Klager Elementary houses approximately 425 students in grades K-4. If you are new to Manchester, you will find that we have an excellent school, caring staff, a variety of programs for students, a very active PTO, and amazing kids. Manchester is a small, warm, involved community. We have all the elements to make Klager Elementary the very best it can be for your child.

## Core Curriculum

The core curriculum at Klager Elementary provides learning experiences in reading, writing, spelling, speaking, listening, handwriting, mathematics, social studies, science, health, physical education, art, music, library/media, and technology. The core curriculum aligns with the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations.

## Facts about Klager

- All day, everyday Kindergarten program at no additional costs to families.
- Differentiated instruction utilizing a multi-sensory approach.
- Outstanding MEAP performance by 3rd and 4th graders in reading and math.
- Title One and At-Risk Programs for students in danger of not meeting grade level expectations.
- Reading literacy program for 1st and 2nd graders.
- Breakfast program.
- Before/after school Latchkey program.

## Points of Pride

- Fall parent-teacher conferences had 90.65% attendance in 2009.
- Staff development in the Lucy Calkins' Writing Program, Guided Reading, and Love & Logic.
- A dedicated, competent staff that spends many hours planning lessons, coordinating and enhancing programs, and communicating with parents.
- Strong family and community support.

## Kindergarten

Klager offers a full-day everyday kindergarten program. Families of children who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2010, are eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year. Families who live in the Manchester Community School District, or who live in Washtenaw County or a county that borders Washtenaw County and would like to have their children attend the Manchester Schools as a school of choice, are encouraged to contact Klager School as soon as possible to be added to the kindergarten information mailing list. Registration materials, including school of choice applications, are available now in the Klager School office. For more information, please call (734) 428-8321 x1300.

