
making
a difference

KALAMAZOO RESA

2015 - 2016

Our Mission



The Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency exists to transform lives by inspiring educational excellence. We provide cradle-to-career services and support through highly talented professionals, successful partnerships and innovative practices.

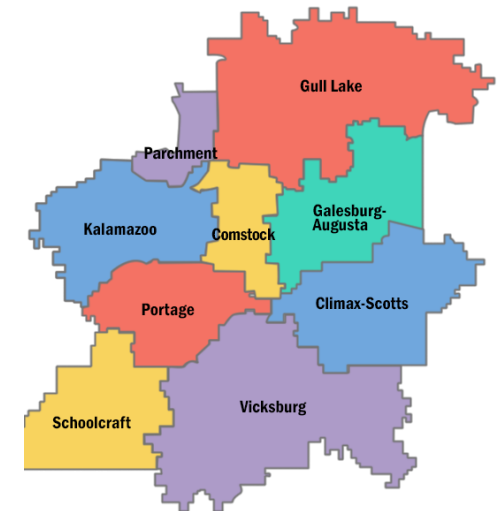
Public Schools

Climax-Scotts Community Schools
Comstock Public Schools
Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
Gull Lake Community Schools
Kalamazoo Public Schools
Parchment School District
Portage Public Schools
Schoolcraft Community Schools
Vicksburg Community Schools

Public School Academies

Youth Advancement Academy
Oakland Academy
Paramount Charter Academy
Forest Academy
Evergreen Academy
Lakeside Academy

18 non-public schools



Why Intermediate School Districts?

56 ISDs or RESAs
Established in 1962

- Special Education
- Career & Technical Education
- Collaboration
- Connection with MDE



Board of Education



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Kalamazoo RESA Programs

Our programs serve educators and families from cradle to career. Through collaboration and countywide partnerships, we provide cost-effective programs and services in several categories, such as:

- Early childhood
- Special education
- Career and technical education
- Professional development
- Business and technology services

We do all that, and more! The next slides provide an overview of our programs. Numbers and statistics are based on information from the 2014-15 school year.

For additional information, go to www.kresa.org



Cradle to Career Pipeline



Great Start

Home visits for at-risk families
103

Referrals for 0-3 year olds
264

Playgroups
77

Monthly home or mail visits
104

Great Start Plus

Children ages 0-3

At-risk families

Home visits

Developmental
screenings

Playgroups

Information and referrals

Ready, Set, Succeed!

Playgroups, developmental
screenings and monthly
contacts from a parent
educator.



Early Childhood



Preprimary Evaluation Team (PET)

- Developmental assessment
- Ages 0-6
- For children who may have a significant developmental delay

400 evaluations

Early On and FIT

- Coordinates services for children with developmental delays
- Home visits
- Teacher consultants and therapists

500 families served

Great Start Readiness Program

1,300
children

70
classrooms

- Kalamazoo RESA acts as program facilitator, monitor and fiduciary agency
- Operated by and located within schools and private providers
- Preschool program for 4-year-olds
- Ensuring low-income families have access to high-quality pre-K



Funded by the State of Michigan

Kalamazoo RESA Head Start



- High quality pre-K
 - 644 children
 - 13 locations
 - 10 family advocates doing home visits
 - 72% of 4 year olds are enter kindergarten ready to read
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- 720 physicals
 - 730 hearing and vision screenings
 - 644 dental screenings
 - 140 children received dental treatment

Funded by federal grants



Special Education

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program

- Teachers, consultants and interpreters
- Implement services for students with hearing impairments

20 classroom students

150 students served

Visually Impaired Program

- Teacher consultants, mobility and Braille specialists
- Support and adaptive equipment

105 students served

WoodsEdge Learning Center

Preschool

90 students

Elementary - High School

180 students

Post-secondary

44 students

- Serves students between the ages of 3 – 26
- Autism program
- Students with severe cognitive and physical disabilities



Special Education

Autism Program

- Serves grades K-12
- Training and support for parents
- Classrooms in local districts and WoodsEdge

70 students in
Schoolcraft, Parchment
and Portage

Young Adult Program

- Serves 18-26 year olds
- Transition services

120 students



Project Search

- Competitive employment opportunities
- We partner with Michigan Rehabilitation and Community Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Services
- For nine months, Bronson hosts internships for youth with significant disabilities
- Providing real-life training that leads to employment
- Launched locally in 2012
- 87% of students are employed
 - Bronson
 - KVCC
 - Head Start
 - Borgess



Special Education

Juvenile Home Schools: **100 students**

Valley Center School: **37 students**



Juvenile Home Schools

- Intensive Learning Center
- Youth Center School
- Adjudicated Youth
- 6 students earned their GED in the ILC last year

Valley Center School

- Students with emotional impairments or unique behavioral needs

Lakeside Charter School

- Kalamazoo RESA is the authorizer
- A public school operated by an independent board of education
- Residential-based
- Strict discipline academy
- Peer driven model teaches respect, responsibility, trust and giving



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Youth Advancement Academy

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- A public school operated by an independent board of education
- A strict discipline academy
- Serves students from Kalamazoo County in grades 9-12



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Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) & Michigan Works!

- Employment and training services
- Serves in-school and out-of-school youth
- Five locations in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Branch and Calhoun counties

Customer visits to offices: **96,135**

Job Search Planning services provided: **2,736**

Workshop Attendance: **570**

Employer of the Day events: **308**

Job Fairs: **13**

* Data from January 1 – July 1, 2015



Education for the Arts

K-12 arts education in film, digital media, dance, theatre and more

- 400 students taking classes
- 161 scholarships
- 31,000 students attending art events



Education for Employment

Practical work experience and hands-on career preparation training



181 classes in **38** areas of study

Graduation Rate **96.8%**

3,500 Students Enrolled



Funded by local district fees, state aid, federal aid, local agency grants, Kalamazoo RESA general fund

Early Middle College Programs of Study

Associate of Arts

62-63 credit hours

Transfer to WMU

Associate of Applied Design

Graphic Design

63-64 credit hours

Associate of Applied Science

Machine Tool Technology

62 credit hours

Graphic Design Certificate

30 credit hours

Machinist Certificate

32 credit hours

Certificate of Achievement

PC Support Technician

18 credit hours

Certificate of Achievement

Welding Technologies

10 credit hours

Attendance Office

- Helps families and children struggling with regular school attendance
- The attendance officer, a deputy sheriff, provides support and links families to community resources

460

truancy referrals



Instructional Center

As a professional development center, we strive to provide the very best and most current training, coaching and technical assistance as identified through scientific research.



Coaching & Training

2011-2012:

67 days

2014-2015:

597 days

Funded by state aid, state grants, federal grants, local district fees, Kalamazoo RESA general fund

Regional Educational Media Center (REMC12)

- One of 22 REMCs in the state
- Offers the Teacher Materials Center, cooperative purchasing and other services
- Printing services are available to districts throughout Michigan

16,000

education and non-profit print jobs

\$1.9 million

REMC Bid savings

35,500

videos streamed



Counties served by REMC12:

- Calhoun
- Allegan
- Kalamazoo
- Barry
- St. Joseph
- Branch
- Van Buren

Offering connecting service to REMC7 & REMC11.

Funded by fee for service

Southwest MiTech

MiTech shared technology services and staffing is provided to Kalamazoo RESA and the following schools and districts:

Galesburg-Augusta
Gull Lake
Delton-Kellogg

KAMSC
Portage
Mattawan

Van Buren ISD
Allegan AESA
Paw Paw

Fennville
Hastings
Glenn

Outlook Academy
Lakeside Academy
Gobles



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In 2007, we joined with several area ISDs to form a consortium called **Michigan Collaborative Administrative Solutions for Education (MiCase)**

59 districts use MiCase human resources and financial accounting software

41 districts use Student Information System

4,500 Help Desk support calls

\$1.5M saved in discounted software and other technology offerings

- **MiCase provides financial accounting, human resources, payroll, student information and special education software**

- **Kalamazoo RESA serves as fiscal agent and houses the majority of development and support staff**

Transportation Services

- Serves districts in nine counties
- Bus driver training and management
- Auto, trucking and motorcycle skills testing

98

drivers trained in evasive maneuvers

220

commercial driver's license skills tests performed

1,150

bus drivers trained

58

districts use MiCase human resources and financial accounting software



Additional Services

- LEA Maintenance Services
- Facilities Control & Energy Management
- Instructional Technology
- Human Resources
- Communications
- Substitute Teachers
- Pupil Accounting



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Local Educational Agency (LEA) Business Services

Assisting school districts with business office support.

Services include:

- Budget development and monitoring
- Processing Payroll, Accounts Payable and Cash receipts
- Reconcile bank accounts and adjust books for yearend audits along with other accounting needs
- Prepare and submit necessary state and federal financial reporting as required
- Provide Business Manager services

Serving

Climax-Scotts

YAA

Galesburg

Delton-Kellogg

Parchment

Gobles

Vicksburg

Brandywine

Niles

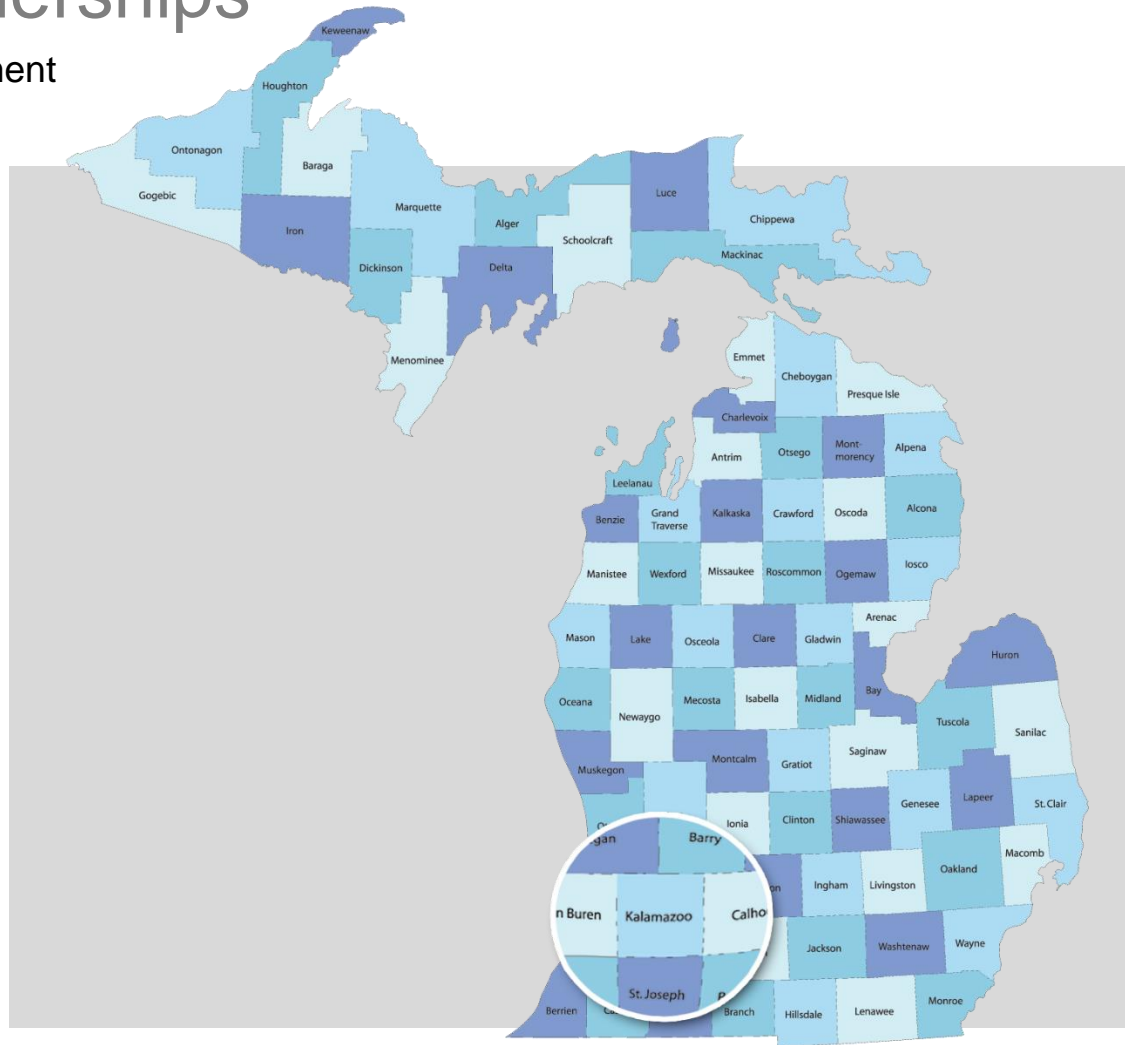
Collaborative Partnerships

Leadership . Coordination . Development

Kalamazoo RESA convenes gatherings of all county school leaders for collaboration and professional development.

We hold monthly meetings for:

- superintendents
- business managers
- curriculum directors
- high school principals
- technology directors
- special education administrators
- transportation supervisors
- board members (quarterly)



Collaborative Partnerships/Community Alliances

The Learning Network
Western Michigan
University
Kalamazoo Valley
Community College
Kalamazoo Air Zoo
Kalamazoo Valley
Habitat for Humanity
Kalamazoo Department
of Public Safety
Kalamazoo County Great
Start Collaborative
Greenleaf Hospitality
Group
Stryker Instruments
Flowserve Corp.

W.E. Upjohn Institute
Arts Schools Network
Southwest Michigan First
Kalamazoo Community
Foundation
Bronson Methodist
Hospital
Michigan Rehabilitation
Services
Kalamazoo Community
Mental Health and
Substance Abuse
Services
Bureau of Services for
Blind Persons

Disability Network of
Southwest Michigan
Humphrey Products
Southern Mich. Autism
Resource Team
Kalamazoo County
Ready 4s
Kalamazoo County
Human Services
Kalamazoo Promise
Irving S. Gilmore
Foundation
United Way
/United4Change

And more . . .

Kalamazoo RESA Strategic Plan

Why do we exist?

To transform lives by inspiring educational excellence

How do we behave?

We work together *Collaboration*

We find a better way *Innovation*

We lead with heart *Compassion*

We act with integrity *Trustworthy*

We value all people *Respect*

What do we do?

Provide educational services and support for students, families, schools and community.

How will we succeed?

Through highly talented professionals, successful multi-sector partnerships, innovative practices and a relentless drive to improve.

What are we focused on?

- All learners supported through strong collaborative relationships
- Highly effective employees
- Positive, safe and inclusive organizational culture
- All children ready for kindergarten
- All students transition ready for college, career, or life
- Leaders in educational excellence
- Data driven organizational practices
- Quality and sustainable infrastructure
- Research-based instructional practices
- A continuum of professional development to support high-quality instruction and leadership
- Visibility and understanding of Kalamazoo RESA programs and services



KALAMAZOO RESA
FOUNDATION

- Helping all learners thrive
- Student scholarships
- YOU participant grants
- Employee enrichment grants

\$38,000
awarded in 2015

Francis “Max” Smith, Named Scholarship Donor ▶





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-  linkedin.com/company/kalamazoo-resa
-  pinterest.com/kalamazooresa

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