

Valley Center School serves the school districts of Climax-Scotts, Comstock, Galesburg-Augusta, Gull Lake, Parchment (Eastern Service Area), Kalamazoo (Central Service Area), Portage, Schoolcraft and Vicksburg (Southern Service Area). In addition, Kalamazoo County Charter Schools can make referrals. Valley Center consists of a unique blend of special education services designed to serve students (ages 8 through 18) in an alternative environment.



Referrals must be made through the special education office in your service area.

In the CSA contact Cindy Green 337-0161
In the ESA contact Janan Zimmerman 388-9466
In the SSA contact Gail Van Daff 323-5012

KALAMAZOO RESA

MISSION STATEMENT

The Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency provides innovative and responsive educational services to educators and learners through leadership, collaboration and support.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency is committed to providing educational support services for all students in public and nonpublic schools.

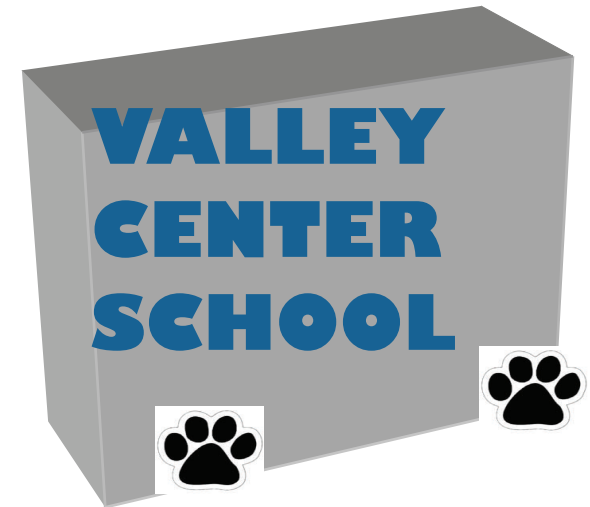
Kalamazoo RESA is a communicator, a facilitator and a partner working with our local community, state legislature, and the State Department of Education.

Kalamazoo RESA receives its legal authority from the state legislature and the State Board of Education, but it receives its credibility by serving the educational needs of the community, and ultimately the students. The number one goal of Kalamazoo RESA is service.

Kalamazoo RESA

*Enhancing your
school and community*

"Together we can accomplish the extraordinary"



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Valley Center School is committed to maximizing the individual achievement of students referred by local districts enabling them to function successfully in the community. We accomplish this by providing a small, specialized environment working with parents and the community.

VALLEY CENTER SCHOOL

Valley Center School is a Kalamazoo RESA operated special education program located at 3122 Lake Street (next to the fairgrounds). VCS delivers special education services to students with emotional impairments or unique behavioral needs. Referrals are accepted from our constituent districts via the LEA Director of Special Education. Once enrolled, our goal is to enable students to return to their local districts and/or function better in their communities.



To achieve this, VCS provides:

- A small, Organized, consistent environment.
- Positive behavior supports.
- Affective education and social skills training
- Extensive behavioral intervention
- Sensory integration therapy
- Assistive technology
- Internet access for coursework and assessment.
- Instruction in core academic areas.
- Access to physical, adaptive physical, pre-vocational education.
- Strong support for public school transition and mainstreaming.
- Opportunity to practice social skills through community activities and service projects.
- Instruction in life skills.
- Staff trained in crisis intervention that focuses on the care, welfare, safety and security of everyone.
- Cooperative services with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe:

.....every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

.....every individual can learn.

.....learning enhances self-worth and self-worth enhances learning.

.....educational expectations need to be considered on an individual basis.

.....in the value of individuality and diversity.

.....that learning is a life long challenge.

.....that students learn best when the home, school, and community work together.

