

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Waterford has 14 elementary sites that serve approximately 4,800 students each school year. Every elementary school has a new or renovated library/media center and have partnered with the Waterford Township Library. This is an integral part of the learning program of each school and ensures that both students and staff are effective users of information, ideas, and technology.

In addition to the traditional elementary schools, Waterford provides an accredited early childhood program at the Stepanski Early Childhood Center. Each school offers expertise and experience in the areas of physical education, art, music, technology, and All Day, Every Day Tuition-Free Kindergarten. Waterford elementary schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The three middle schools in Waterford — Crary, Mason, and Pierce — employ staff and teachers who are dedicated to making middle school a challenging and rewarding experience. Waterford is firmly committed to the middle school concept of education (grades 6-8, approximately 2,500 students) and has made the transition to that model between the elementary and high school levels.

An interdisciplinary team approach has been implemented. A group of teachers work with the same group of students to meet their unique needs. The curriculum at the middle school level is specifically designed to focus on challenging academic goals, the development of socially acceptable behavior, and other critical human development needs of early adolescents. Waterford middle schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Waterford has two high schools — Kettering and Mott — and one alternative high school — Waterford Alternative High School, Manley Campus, which educate approximately 3,600 students. Waterford high schools have a proud tradition of accomplishments and continue to educate a community of young men and women who make a lifelong contribution to our community, state, and country. Waterford emphasizes scholarship first, building a strong support curriculum, encouraging critical thinking, and problem-solving.

Waterford high schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Children's Village, a school for adjudicated youth, is also accredited.

SCHOOL SELECTION/CHOICE

The Waterford School District believes that parents should have the opportunity to provide educational opportunities for their student, including making the decision on which school or school district to attend. In Waterford, there are two different options.

School Selection: Parents, who reside within the Waterford School District boundaries, may complete a request form for the transfer of their child to another school building. The request will be accepted depending on space availability.

Schools of Choice: Parents, who reside outside Waterford School District boundaries, may apply for a Kindergarten Schools of Choice transfer into the District if space is still available after all internal school selection applications have been considered. For more information call 248.706.4864.

ACCOLADES

WITH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS, THE WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUES A LONG TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Award-winning schools were named state and national "Exemplary Blue Ribbon" Schools

State and national award-winning performing & visual arts programs; Top 100 Communities in America for Music Education three consecutive years

All elementary, middle, and high schools are fully accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)

MEAP & Merit Exam scores exceed State averages

16 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses; AP Scholars with Distinction, Scholars with Honor, and Scholars; .CEO Program offers college credit opportunities

Articulation agreements with Oakland Community College, Baker College, and the University of Northwestern Ohio

NAEYC accredited preschool programs at the Stepanski Early Childhood Center

Divisional, regional, and state championship athletic teams

District physical education program awarded Michigan Governor's Council Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports Exemplary Physical Education Award Level 8

Ninety-two percent of all graduating seniors pursue post-secondary education

FAST FACTS

The Waterford School District is located in central Oakland County and serves four charter townships; Waterford, Independence, White Lake, West Bloomfield and the City of Lake Angelus. The District educates 11,500 students each year.

Waterford Township encompasses 36 square miles and has 34 lakes. Golf courses, tennis clubs, ski areas, a wave pool, and many parks serve the immediate area.

Community support in the Waterford School District was evident when voters overwhelmingly passed bond issues in 1999 and 2003. New pool and fitness centers, performing art centers, and gymnasiums have been added to each high school and numerous other building improvements.

The Waterford School District is Waterford Township's largest employer. The general fund budget is \$105,089,491. Local revenues make up 8.32%; State money 85.21%; and federal money 6.47% of revenues.

The Waterford School District ranks 9th in Oakland County, out of 28 districts, in the percentage of dollars spent for basic instruction and instructional and pupil support services.

Waterford Schools enjoys an AA+ school improvement bond rating which supports the District's financial stability.

OUR MISSION

"WE GUARANTEE TO EVERY STUDENT THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES NEEDED TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE CITIZEN OF THE WORLD."

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Waterford School District provides a variety of high quality preschool programs which are aligned with District Exit Outcomes. Innovative programs for parents of infants and toddlers are also available. Call 666.9593 for more information.

Waterford's Continuing Education Services has something for everyone. Participants can update job skills, learn a language, strengthen relationships, and become computer literate. For further information call 682-1088.

Child Care Services are provided for more than 2,000 students at 15 sites. Children range from 2 1/2 weeks to 12 years of age. For registration information call 674.5524.

The Student Support Services Department provides a comprehensive range of services for Waterford students and families from birth through 25 years of age. For more information call 682.3242.

Waterford supports meeting the needs of all school students and offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. For further information contact your individual school building.

The Waterford Senior Center, located on Leggett Campus, offers a unique opportunity for senior citizens to come together to learn, experience, grow, and share. For more information call 682.9450.

Waterford School District Pool & Fitness Centers, located on the campuses of Kettering and Mott High Schools, offers a variety of programming. Call 673.9969 or 674.6360.

Waterford Summer Academy is an optional tuition program available to children who are presently in grades K-12. It's designed for elementary, middle, and high school students who want classes for enrichment or for credit. For further information contact your child's school counselor.

Waterford Career Center is an employment and training service working in conjunction with the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency/Michigan Jobs Commission. The Center provides services to Township residents and the general public. For more information call 682.3417.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The local Board of Education is a unique American institution. Boards are responsible for assuring the provision of educational opportunities to all children and youth in their local community. The Board desires to continue to be responsive to the community and encourages citizens to attend meetings and become involved. Regular meetings are held at the Waterford Township Auditorium on the first and third Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., and is aired live on the District's Educational Channel 22. Meetings are replayed on Friday at 10:00 a.m., Sunday at 12:00 p.m., and again the following Monday at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

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Waterford School District

A preK-12 public school district serving the communities of Independence, Waterford, West Bloomfield, and White Lake.

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SCHOOLS AND SITES*

Kurzman Administration Center

1150 Scott Lake Road 682-7800

Elementary Schools

Adams Elementary 673-8900
 Beaumont Elementary 682-6822
 Burt Elementary 682-5110
 Cooley Elementary 673-0300
 Donelson Hills Elementary 682-9530
 Grayson Elementary 674-0200
 Haviland Elementary 682-2620
 Houghton Elementary 698-9230
 Knudsen Elementary 682-7300
 Riverside Elementary 674-0805

Sandburg Elementary 674-0221
 Schoolcraft Elementary 623-6211
 Stepanski Center 666-9593
 Waterford Village 623-1091

Middle Schools

Crary Middle School 682-9300
 Mason Middle School 674-2281
 Pierce Middle School 674-0331

High Schools

Kettering High School 673-1261
 Mott High School 674-4134
 Waterford Alternative H.S. 674-3145

Support Services

Children's Village 858-5491
 Continuing Education Services 682-1088
 Food and Nutrition Services 682-0394
 Kingsley Montgomery School 623-9660
 Pool & Fitness Centers
 Kettering Campus 673-9969
 Mott Campus 674-6360
 School and Community Services 706-4868
 Student Support Services 682-3242
 Transportation 674-2692
 Waterford Senior Center 682-9450

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