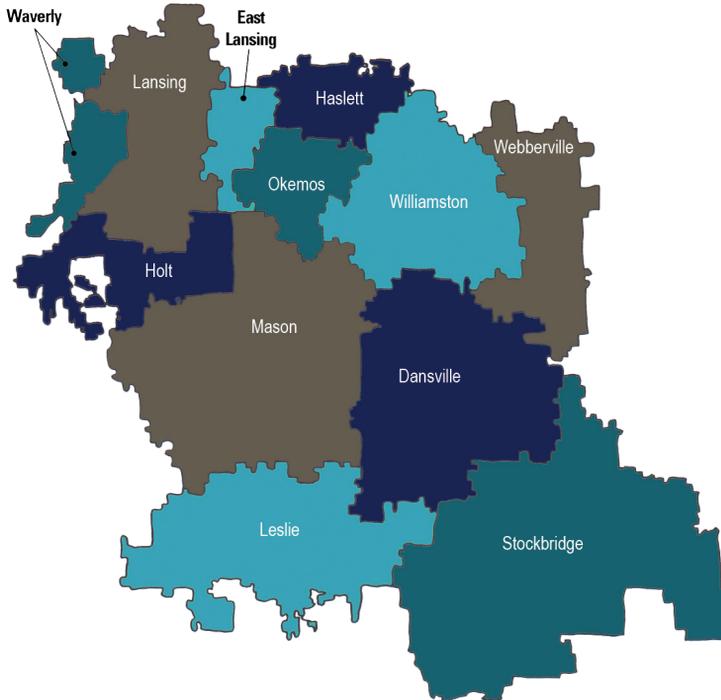




# HOW WE HELP

# INGHAM ISD DISTRICTS



## Local School Districts

- Dansville Schools
- East Lansing Public Schools
- Haslett Public Schools
- Holt Public Schools
- Lansing School District
- Leslie Public Schools
- Mason Public Schools
- Okemos Public Schools
- Stockbridge Community Schools
- Waverly Community Schools
- Webberville Community Schools
- Williamston Community Schools

## Public School Academies

- Blended Learning Academies
- Cole Academy
- Cole Academy East
- Great Lakes Learning Academy
- Lansing Charter Academy
- Michigan Connections Academy
- Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy
- White Pine Academy
- Windemere Park Charter Academy



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# overview of intermediate school districts across the state

*As described by the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)*

Since the Legislature created them in 1962, Michigan Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) have led the way in educational innovation. They are designed to provide and coordinate essential services with their constituent school districts to facilitate teaching and learning. ISDs also conserve resources by providing consolidated administrative services in the areas of business, technology, health and safety.

By coordinating efforts and resources, ISDs provide specialized services to students that would not be affordable or otherwise feasible. These services can include special education, vocational training, interdisciplinary subjects, language programs, early childhood education, parent services, community involvement, transportation, extracurricular activities, lifelong learning and adult education, and other necessary and exciting benefits shared across districts for the success of every learner.

For more information about intermediate school districts in Michigan, visit [www.gomaisa.org](http://www.gomaisa.org).



# We help young children and their parents

## Providing developmental services to children

**EARLY ON** is a network of services for families with children from birth to age three. We provide these services to all children who have a developmental delay or are at risk of developing delays due to an established medical condition or a disability.

**GREAT PARENTS, GREAT START** is available free to families with children from birth to age five. Great Parents, Great Start provides services such as:

- Home-based personal visits for families
- Parent-child playgroups
- Developmental screenings
- Connections to other community resources and early childhood programs and services.

## Preschool Registration

At Ingham ISD, we offer one place for preschool registration that includes Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), Head Start and some private preschool programs in our service area. If your child is age three or four, you can go to [www.inghampreschool.org](http://www.inghampreschool.org), and someone from our office will contact you about available options.

# We help students and families with mental health supports

Students throughout the Ingham ISD service area who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral difficulties, have access to mental health services provided by licensed Mental Health Specialists employed through Ingham ISD.

# We help with student outcomes

## Helping districts use data to inform instruction

Local school districts in the Ingham ISD service area have committed to improving outcomes for all students. In a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) environment, students learn at their maximum potential by receiving individualized instruction for their needs. This instructional model has shown results in some local districts through increased MEAP scores and a reduction in special education referrals. Teachers are able to see improved outcomes and adjust teaching strategies using data-driven tools to quickly identify students in need.



## We ensure special education needs are met

Ingham ISD coordinates and maintains the special education funding system for all local districts and public school academies in our service area. Districts can contract special education programs and/or services from Ingham ISD, another local district or have money distributed directly to their district to use.

Student Support Services offers these services to students in local schools:

- Adaptive physical education
- Assistive technology
- Audiology
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Orientation and mobility
- School psychology
- School social work
- Teacher consultants for autism spectrum disorder, deaf and hard of hearing and visually impaired students
- Transition consultants

## We offer specialized programs

**AUTISM PROGRAMMING** is provided to eligible children who have autism spectrum disorders.

**HEARTWOOD SCHOOL** serves eligible students with cognitive impairments, severe multiple impairments, autism spectrum disorders and traumatic brain injuries.

**INGHAM ACADEMY** is a day treatment program for court adjudicated youth. It represents a partnership between Ingham County Circuit Court, Ingham ISD and Highfields.

**MALCOLM WILLIAMS SCHOOL** is a state-wide residential program for court adjudicated males ages 13-18 placed at Highfields. The length of stay ranges from seven days to six months. Students come from all over Michigan.

**NORTH STAR SCHOOL** provides comprehensive, coordinated care for students in grades K-12 with severe emotional and behavioral impairments.





## We help secondary students who need additional supports

### Helping students to transition

**SKILLS FOR ADULT INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL)** is a setting in which students with disabilities can learn how to be independent adults. They learn independent living skills such as laundry, shopping for groceries, cleaning and more. Students also gain exposure to worked-based learning experiences in local businesses and what it means to work as a team.

**PROJECT SEARCH** is a secondary transition educational program for students with developmental disabilities. Students learn skills needed for employment at a host business with the ultimate goal of gainful employment.

**CONSULTANT SERVICES** provide additional student supports in the local districts.

**SCHOOL TO WORK** is a work-based learning program for students ages 17 to 26. Students from Ingham ISD's service area are referred to this program by local district special education directors. The focus is on the development of learning and workplace competencies.

## We help students prepare for the future

### Providing career and technical options

**THE WILSON TALENT CENTER (WTC)** offers Career & Technical Education programming for high school juniors and seniors. Offering more than 18 programs in 12 career clusters, students have the opportunity to earn high school academic credit, free college credit and either state or national industry certifications. Students attend the WTC for one-half of their school day and the other half at their local district. WTC is preparing students for their life beyond high school. Nearly 80% of our students continue their education after leaving high school either through apprenticeships, advanced training or two or four-year college degrees. Partnering with more than 17 colleges and universities, students can earn either articulated college credit or direct college credit.

## **Giving students an early college opportunity**

**THE CAPITAL REGION TECHNICAL EARLY COLLEGE** program allows high school sophomores to commit to a 3-year program (grades 11, 12 and 13) in a career and technical education program and leave with either program certificates or an associate degree at no cost to the student. In grades 11 and 12, students take college courses along with their home high school course work. Students attend college full time during an added 13th year, potentially earning both their associate degree and high school diploma. There is no student cost related to college tuition or books.

## **Career Assessment Services**

Comprehensive career assessment is an in-depth assessment service that allows students to explore their interests, skills and abilities, and to link those with careers and education options.

## **We help districts be more efficient**

### **Business Services options**

Ingham ISD offers comprehensive business services to districts. Available services include cash management, purchasing, accounts payable, human resources, budgeting, reporting, business and finance support, software support and audits.

### **Saving money by making group purchases**

Ingham ISD's Business Office supports cooperative purchasing to negotiate lower prices by assisting our local districts with collaborative purchases of core curriculums in reading, math, science and special education.

### **Providing Special Education transportation**

A partnership with Dean Transportation has allowed all the districts in the Ingham ISD service area to provide more efficient transportation in a safe manner to our most fragile students. Students across the service area are transported to multiple special education facilities, to their schools and back home again safely. Ingham ISD is the fiscal agent for the collaborative transportation agreement in place with all 12 local districts.





## Regionalizing substitute teachers

Three regional educational service agencies — Clinton, Eaton and Ingham — have partnered to develop a lower cost, streamlined system for identifying and paying substitute teachers. By maximizing economy of scale in a “supersized” region, local school districts benefit through reduced costs and a more homogenous and efficient system design. The system is known as the Central Michigan Substitute System.

## Offering technology expertise to local districts

Ingham ISD’s 12 local districts share internet bandwidth. This helps smaller districts combine with larger districts for a more efficient cost. Larger districts benefit because, by combining all districts, the amount of bandwidth goes up and reduces the cost per unit. Ingham ISD also provides a variety of technology support services, including:

- Technology staffing and support
- Technology audits
- Data center hosting
- Content filtering
- Desktop and wireless support
- Bandwidth/wide area network

## Offering communications support

Communications can be tricky. When crises arise or the media gets involved, Ingham ISD staff are able to step in and support local districts with their needs. In addition, Ingham ISD provides a variety of communication services including:

- Communication plan development and implementation
- Website support
- Media outreach
- Social media support
- Crisis communication

## We help teachers

### Providing quality professional development

Ingham ISD offers hundreds of professional development opportunities each year. Focused educator training in core content areas and data analysis are important components to increasing student outcomes. Ingham ISD continues to expand instructional technology training and online professional development for administrators and educators not only in its service area, but in other counties across the state as well.







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Mission: Ingham ISD exists to lead and serve for the  
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