



Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The informational material being provided is meant for distribution to all eighth grade students in the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) service area who will have completed an Algebra I (or higher level mathematics) course by the end of eighth grade, so that all students who meet the Algebra I prerequisite have the opportunity to consider applying to the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC) high school program. Eighth graders who, as ninth graders, will *reside and attend a school located in* a KRESA public school district*, are eligible to apply for admission. KAMSC is one of several educational opportunities available as your eighth grade student continues planning for her or his high school years. This information is typically provided to students during the fall of their eighth grade year, but this extraordinary year of the pandemic has caused us to delay our admissions schedule significantly.

KAMSC offers a rigorous curriculum that appeals to and challenges students with interest and demonstrated ability in mathematics, science, and technology. The Center offers this rigorous curriculum in a stimulating and supportive environment conducive to learning. Students attend KAMSC for half of the school day (ninth and tenth graders 8:00–10:27 a.m., eleventh and twelfth graders 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.), and attend their district, private, parochial, or home school for the balance of the academic day.

Note that while the KAMSC admissions process typically begins with an entrance exam, we will be forgoing the entrance exam for this year.

A copy of the pamphlet *You're Invited to Consider the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC)* is also included. The pamphlet describes details of the program, the unique learning opportunities available through the program, and how students are selected for admission to KAMSC. Please visit the KAMSC website at kamscc.org for additional information.

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend a special Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, April 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** to explore further the possibility of attending KAMSC. This Open House will include presentations by KAMSC's ninth grade instructional team, KAMSC's Student Advocate, KAMSC's Research Director, and KAMSC students, followed by a questions and answer period with me. The Zoom link for this Open House will be published on the kamscc.org web site.

Further details on this year's application process will be available at kamscc.org, and application materials will be available online at this site beginning Friday April 30.

I hope that you will consider, carefully, the educational programs best suited to your student's academic needs, and find that the enclosed information plus the Open House session will be helpful to you with your decisions. Please contact the KAMSC office if we may provide further information regarding the program at KAMSC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Tanoff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Michael Tanoff

Additional attachment: pdf pamphlet: *You're Invited to Consider the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center 2021-2022*

cc: middle school counselors and principals

* Climax-Scotts, Comstock, Galesburg-Augusta, Gull Lake, Kalamazoo, Parchment, Portage, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg