

Board of Education

August 10, 2023

2023-24 Calendar Through Winter Break

August 2023						
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January 2024						
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Kalamazoo Public Schools	
Aug. 28	First Day K-12; half day
Sept. 1	K-12 no students; schools open for enrollment
Sept. 4	Labor Day; all buildings closed
Sept. 5	First Day PreK ECSE (see special dates below)
Sept. 11	First day PEEP (see special dates below)
Oct. 6	PK-8 half day; records day
Oct. 11	9-12 half day; conferences in p.m.
Oct. 12	K-8 half day; a.m. schedule
Oct. 13	K-5 half day; p.m. schedule
Oct. 18	PK-12 early release; 1.5 hours early
Nov. 1	PK-12 no students; teacher PD
Nov. 1	Phoenix, KILP & virtual - virtual day or activity
Nov. 3	No school for Phoenix, KILP & virtual students
Nov. 17 & 20	9-12 half day
Nov. 21	PK-12 no students; records day
Nov. 22	Schools closed; no county programs
Nov. 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break; all buildings closed
Dec. 13	PK-12 early release; 1.5 hours early
Dec. 25 - Jan. 5	Winter Break

*There is no school on March 22 and spring break will be March 25-29. The remainder of the 2023-24 school year calendar is subject to negotiations and will be released when it has been finalized.

First day of school: August 28 (half day K-12)

Early release days:

- ★ October 18
- ★ December 13
- ★ January 17
- ★ March 13

Students released 1.5 hours early to allow all employees groups to participate in training.

Winter break: Dec. 25 - Jan. 5

Spring Friday: March 22

Spring break: March 25-29

Download the calendar from:
kalamazoopublicschools.com

Kalamazoo Public Schools



**Enroll in person at the Administration Building, 1220 Howard Street,
8-4, Monday-Friday until schools open Monday, August 14
or call (269) 337-1061**

First day of school
August 28, 2023
Half day of school

Outreach, Collaboration and District Support Overview

August 10, 2023



Re-Engagement of our Students

- Collaborate with school teams and Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety to identify students for community outreach and support
 - Students with chronic absenteeism, removals, and not currently active
- Dr. Slade, Chief Webster, Director of Secondary Education
- Craig McCane - Home visits
- Executive Cabinet Administrators - Parent phone outreach
- Pathways to Potential Partnership -

**Parents/guardians can call the Instruction and Student Services
Department to enroll - 269-337-0161**

31aa Mental Health Grant

Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature has allocated funding for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year for districts to carry out activities to improve student mental health.

Lisa Dewey is the district grant consultant supporting this initiative

Goals:

- Develop a comprehensive district plan for providing Mental Health Services for all KPS students
- Increase direct services for secondary and elementary students
- Collaborate with our community partners to avoid duplication of services
- Provide additional training and supports for KPS staff

Initiatives:

- Provide direct services with additional therapists (independent contractors) at secondary sites
- Develop partnership with WMU college of social work to host MSW and BSW interns for service in elementary sites
- Partner with Gryphon Place to provide additional training on Restorative Practices and Conflict Resolution for identified KPS staff groups
- Collaborate with CIS and ISK for complimentary services.

Secondary Program:

- Goal: contract with therapists to provide direct services for 360 middle and high schools students.
- *To date 24 therapists have been hired to support this caseload*
- Collaborate with Administrators and CIS Site Coordinators to develop a consistent referral process to maximize student service and eliminate duplication of services

Secondary Supports:

- Monthly Team Meetings with Therapists & School Teams
 - What is going well?
 - What are the challenges?
 - What additional supports can help to maximize their work?
- Participate periodically in Child Study Teams (CST) / Multi- Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) meetings

Elementary Program

- Develop partnership with WMU Social Work department to host Masters in Social Work Interns (MSW)
 - Interns work 20 hours per week in a clinical capacity in 7 targeted elementary buildings (Parkwood, Milwood, Edison, Spring Valley, Woodward, Northeastern, and Lincoln).
 - Supervised by KPS Social Workers and School Psychologists

Responsibilities to include

- Individual / Group Therapy, Collaboration with CST Team Meetings, Shadow Clinical / School SW, Partner with Behavior Specialist for conflict resolution sessions with students
- Connect with caseload of students for check-in/check-out
- Collaborate with behavior team to develop and implement individualized student behavior plans
- Partner with Teachers for positive behavior supports

Elementary Supports:

- Monthly meetings with Field Supervisors of Interns
 - Caseload
 - Duties & Responsibilities
- Monthly meetings with Interns
 - Training using Charlotte Danielson Social Work Rubric
- Participate periodically in CST meetings

Community Partnerships

- ISK - Twice monthly meetings
- Gryphon Place
- CIS
- Helping Hands
- KRESA

Common Questions:

1. How many hours per week will a therapist be on site at my school?
 - a. Varies depending on the staff and schedule provided.
2. Isn't CIS already doing this work?
 - a. This is an addition to the therapy services CIS is putting in place. There is no shortage of student need, and special collaboration must be in place within school teams to avoid duplication of service.
3. How long will this grant be in place?
 - a. Set to expire September 2025, though we will actively seek out sustainability efforts (renewal, additional funding, etc.)
4. Do students need to have insurance to participate?
 - a. No, the grant covers all services and insurance will not be billed.

