

MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Welcome Back News

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Dear MAPS students, families, staff and community members,

August is here and with it comes the renewed excitement for another school year. Late summer in the U.P. is precious, so please enjoy these last few days before school resumes.

As our students enjoy summer vacation, there is a group of dedicated professionals who have worked tirelessly to ensure our buildings and grounds are ready for your return. Our custodians and other support staff have been busy cleaning our buildings, maintaining our grounds, fixing equipment, and addressing the myriad needs of our complex infrastructure. These hard-working professionals deserve so much credit for their work while our students are away from school.

We recently wrapped up another successful summer enrichment program. Roughly three hundred K-8 students had the opportunity to engage in a diverse and robust learning environment full of enriching activities, including free meals, all at no cost to our families. My greatest appreciation to the administration, teachers, support staff, food service, custodians, bus drivers, and other staff who made this program possible.

It is truly an honor to continue serving alongside so many outstanding professionals at Marquette Area Public Schools. We continue to bring new and exciting programming to all district levels, starting with our implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), an initiative designed to address the needs of all of our students with respect to their academic, social, emotional, and behavioral learning. Our focus this year will be Collective Efficacy, the shared belief that through our collective efforts educators can increase achievement for all students.

Safety continues to be our first priority at MAPS. Thanks to our partnership with NMU, soon there will be over 100 new security cameras installed throughout our district, including additional cameras for every building - some of which previously had none.

In other news, we have made a major investment in transportation and I am very pleased to inform our families that we will soon have five new or slightly used buses incorporated into our bus fleet. In regards to facilities, there are multiple projects underway as our buildings and grounds receive many needed improvements. Projects include renovated entrances and a significantly upgraded elevator at Graveraet, an HVAC unit replacement at Bothwell, a freshly painted bus garage with new windows, improvements to our stormwater drainage systems throughout our facilities, stairway replacement at central office, and a variety of upgrades to our heating, mechanical and electrical systems.

Lastly, I am absolutely thrilled to announce that this year Marquette Area Public Schools will receive the funding to provide every student free breakfast and lunch. This is great news! The future remains bright for MAPS as we prepare to open our doors for the 2023-2024 school year. I am proud to be part of this amazing community and look forward to partnering with you to chart the course for our continued success.

Have a wonderful autumn season.

Sincerely,

Zack Sedgwick, Superintendent
Marquette Area Public Schools



2023-2024 School Year Information

September 5	First Day of School for Students
October 16	PD – No School for Students
October 31	PD – Half Day for Students
November 8	K-5 Half Day
November 9	K-12 Half Day
November 10	K-12 Half Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
November 24	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
December 1	PD—Half Day for Students
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break - No School
January 3	School Resumes
January 15	Martin Luther King Day—No School
January 23	9-12 First Semester Exams
January 24	9-12 First Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
January 25	9-12 First Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
January 26	9-12 First Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release End of First Semester for K-12
January 31	PD – Half Day for Students
February 19	Presidents’ Day—No School
February 21	8th Grade Orientation, 9-12 Early Release
February 23	PD—Half Day for Students
March 1	6-12 Half Day
March 7	K-5 Half Day
March 8	K-5 Half Day
Mar. 25—Apr. 1	Spring Break – No school
April 2	School Resumes
May 27	Memorial Day – No school
May 29	MAHS Graduation, Kaufman, 5:30 PM
May 31	MHS Graduation, Football Field, 6 PM
June 6	9-12 Second Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
June 7	9-12 Second Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
June 10	9-12 Second Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
June 11	9-12 Book Return/Second Semester Exam Last day of School Half Day for all Students End of Second Semester

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Marquette Senior High School	(906) 225-5353
Marquette Alternative High School	(906) 225-4321
Bothwell Middle School	(906) 225-4262
Cherry Creek Elementary School	(906) 225-4399
Graveraet Elementary School	(906) 225-4210
Sandy Knoll Elementary School	(906) 225-4281
Superior Hills Elementary School	(906) 225-4295

Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan Schools

Schools communicable disease rules are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreak. Michigan law requires that each student possess a certificate of immunization **at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school)** for entry into kindergarten, 7th grade, or into a new school district involving grades 1-12. A child who fails to meet immunization requirements **shall not be admitted to school.**

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS & PERTUSSIS

Ages 4-6: 4 doses of DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age.

Ages 7-18, including all 7th grade students: 4 doses of D and T **OR** 3 doses if #1 given on or after first birthday. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.

POLIO

Ages 4-6: 4 doses of polio. Only 3 doses of polio are required if dose 3 is administered on or after the fourth birthday.

Ages 7-18: 4 doses of polio. Only 3 doses of polio are required if dose 3 is administered on or after the fourth birthday.

MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA*

Ages 4-6: Two doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after 12 months of age. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose.

Ages 7-18: Two doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after 12 months of age. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose.

HEPATITIS B*

Ages 4-6: Three doses are required.

Ages 7-18: Three doses are required.

MENINGOCOCCAL

Ages 4-6: None

Ages 7-18: One dose for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.

VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX)*

Ages 4-18: Two doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age **OR** current lab immunity **OR** reliable history of varicella disease.

Please refer questions to your child's school office or to the school nurse's office at 906-225-5354.

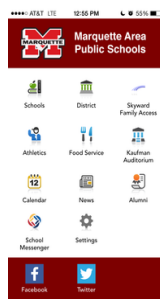
Immunizations may be obtained from your family health care provider or the Marquette County Health Department.

*Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

** All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.

MAPS IS MOBILE

Marquette Area Public Schools has a mobile app. This app makes finding information on our district easier and increases communication with students, parents and the public. Download the free app for your Apple or Android device @ <http://launch.customschoolapps.net/marquette/> or by clicking the link on our main webpage.



Food Service Information

We have partnered with Nutrislice to bring a menu format to our parents and students. This partnership provides nutritional information on each item. The Nutrislice menu can be found on the food service tab on our website at www.mapsnet.org. Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are available to all students in the Marquette Area Public Schools. Milk is available to students who bring lunch from home and will be charged at the regular ala carte pricing. The district uses a pre-pay family account, utilizing a student PIN to make purchases. This system can be accessed through MAPS' mobile app or on the district's website where you can make payments, track purchases and receive balance notices.

2023-2024 Meal Prices:

Breakfast – Offered to elementary, middle, and high school students at no cost to the family. We offer a healthy variety of breakfast options. All juices are 100% fruit juice. Cereals and breakfast bars are whole grain rich.

Lunch – Offered to elementary, middle, and high school students at no cost to the family.

Free and Reduced Meals – Please complete the free and reduced application. This will help the district with funding and assist your students with additional programs available throughout the district. Additional information is available for all schools on the district's website under the food service tab. Applications may be completed online in Skyward by selecting Food Service, then Applications, then Add Application. If you would like to complete a paper application, they should be returned to MAPS Food Service office, 1203 W. Fair Ave., Marquette, MI 49855. Call 906-225-4245 or email ccollins@mapsnet.org for more information.

Concussions and Athletic Activities

To provide for the safety of student athletes, all athletic programs of the District shall comply with the concussion protocols of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, or the protocols which shall meet the requirements of state law and the Department of Community Health guidelines regarding concussion awareness training and protection for youth athletes (MAPS Policy 5340.01).

Educational Materials for Parents and Students are available on our website at https://www.mapsnet.org/district_departments/athletics. All parents and athletes must acknowledge in writing (in accordance with PA 342 and 343 of 2012) that they have received and reviewed the Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents and/ or the Concussion Fact Sheet for Students **prior to Athletic Participation** for the 2023-24 school year. The fact sheet is located on the last page of the Student Parent Athletic Handbook.



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www.facebook.com/Marquette-Area-Public-Schools. You can get quick information on important events and school closings.



School Board Meetings

MAPS Board of Education meetings are generally held at the Marquette Senior High School Library, 1203 W. Fair Avenue. Board meeting agendas, minutes, and open meeting notices, including board committee meeting schedules, are posted on the MAPS website: <http://www.mapsnet.org>. The Regular Board Meetings for the remainder of 2023 are scheduled for the following dates: **September 18, October 16, November 27, and December 18 (all at MSHS)**. All board meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. Special Board Meetings are called as necessary. Board of Education Meetings for 2024 will be scheduled by the Board at the January 8, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting. All board meetings provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment.

Policy for Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint

In December of 2016, the State of Michigan adopted new laws restricting the use of seclusion and restraint in public schools with the intent to provide a uniform policy that accomplishes certain objectives. Those objectives and the March 14, 2017 model policy can be accessed at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/PolicyForSeclusion-Restraint_564940_7.pdf. These will also be posted on the MAPS website.

Notice to Parents Regarding Title I

In accordance with the requirement of Federal law, for each school receiving Title I funds, the Superintendent shall make sure that all parents of students in that school are notified that they may request, and the Board will provide the following information on the student's classroom teachers:

- whether the teacher(s) have met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas they are teaching
- whether the teacher(s) is teaching under any emergency or provisional status in which the State requirements have been waived
- the undergraduate major of the teacher(s) and the area of study and any certificates for any graduate degrees earned
- the qualifications of any paraprofessionals providing services to their child(ren)

In addition, the parents shall be provided:

- information on the level of achievement of their child(ren) on the required State academic assessments
- timely notice if the student is assigned to a teacher who is not "highly qualified" as required or if the student is taught for more than four (4) weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

This applies to students attending Graveraet, Cherry Creek, Sandy Knoll and Superior Hills. Please contact Superintendent Zack Sedgwick at 906-225-4200 to request any of this information.

Tobacco-free schools

Smoking and the personal use of tobacco products is prohibited twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week on school grounds, District owned or leased vehicles and property controlled by the District. MAPS Board Policy 7434.



Before and After School Child Care Services

If you're in need of before and after school care, you can reach out to the day care businesses who will be providing these services in each of our four elementary school buildings. For information on registration, hours and rates you can email them at:

Cherry Creek Elementary—Sue Ridolphi—baspcherrycreek@gmail.com
Graveraet Elementary—Sue Ridolphi—baspgraveraet@gmail.com
Sandy Knoll Elementary—Amy Ahola—Childcentralstationllc@gmail.com
Superior Hills Elementary—Amy Ahola—Childcentralstationllc@gmail.com



Notice to Parents Regarding Instruction in Reproductive Health

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction, which includes HIV/AIDS and other serious communicable disease prevention education and sexuality education. HIV/AIDS, other serious communicable disease prevention education and sexuality education (high school level) are offered in identified courses as components of reproductive health education program.

According to Michigan law, you have the right to review the materials and curriculum content to be used in HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention education, as well as sex education. The local board of education, in compliance with the statute, has made the materials and curriculum guides available for your review. If you wish to review the materials or curriculum content, please contact your child's school to arrange a time for your review. You also have the right to observe instruction in your child's classroom. If you wish to do this, please call your child's school to make arrangements.

This statute allows you to excuse your child from participation in the classes that include HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention instruction, as well as sex education, if you so choose. You will be notified by your child's school when these classes will be taught. If you wish to exercise your right to excuse your child from instruction without penalty, please send written notice to the school principal and course instructor.

Frequently-called numbers

Alternative High School	906-225-4321
Athletics	906-225-4220
Bothwell Middle School	906-225-4262
Busing / Transportation	906-225-5774 / 5773
Central Office	906-225-4200
Cherry Creek Elementary	906-225-4399
Food Service	906-225-4245
GED	906-225-4321
Graveraet Elementary	906-225-4210
Human Resources	906-225-5410
Kaufman Auditorium	906-225-4213
MSHS	906-225-5353
MSHS Pool	906-225-5359
Planetarium	906-225-4204
Sandy Knoll Elementary	906-225-4281
Special Education	906-225-4319
Superintendent's Office	906-225-4200
Superior Hills Elementary	906-225-4295
Technology	906-225-5783



Wellness Policy

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the District's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school. The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits. The Board has set goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. See Policy 8510 – Wellness.

Notice regarding Student Privacy and Consent / Opt-Out

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 USC§1232h, requests the Marquette Area Public Schools to obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, including a student survey, analysis, or evaluation in an applicable program that concerns one or more of the following eight areas (Protected Information Surveys):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent.
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family.
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes.
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships.
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers.
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent / guardian.
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility or financial assistance.

This opt-out right also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes (marketing surveys) and to certain physical exams and screenings. For further information or to submit a request, contact Superintendent Zack Sedgwick, 906-225-4200.

School Start & End Times

	a.m.	p.m.	Half Days
MSHS	7:30	2:21	10:45 am
Alt. High School	7:30	2:30	10:50 am
Bothwell	8:00	2:50	11:05 am
Cherry Creek	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm
Sandy Knoll	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm
Superior Hills	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm
Graveraet Elementary	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm

*On 9-12 early release days during exams on Jan. 24, 25 & 26 and June 6, 7 & 10 MAHS will dismiss at 11:10 am and MSHS will dismiss at 11:19 am. On June 11, the last day of school, MSHS will dismiss at 10:45 am and MAHS will dismiss at 10:50 am.

School Busing

If you have signed up for busing by completing the Transportation Request Google form, bus stop/time information will be available via the Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) mobile/web app and/or your Skyward Family Access account. The Transportation Request Google form, HCTB app information and a link to your Skyward Family Access account can all be found on the MAPS website (mapsnet.org) under Parent Resources. Please contact the Transportation Office for your student ID number necessary to create your HCTB account. The student ID number is also printed on the student boarding card. Please check the HCTB app or Skyward Family Access on a regular basis, as bus schedules update nightly. If your transportation needs change, parents and guardians should complete a new Transportation Request form, however, please be aware that it may take some time to accommodate changes in busing.

Questions should be directed to the Transportation Office at (906) 225-5774 or (906) 225-5773.

Notice Regarding School Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Board Policy 5530 and Federal law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by state statute (including prescription drugs) or substance that could be considered a look-alike controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by state law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which he or she receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Notification Regarding Inspection of Instructional Materials

Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. The parent will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. The term instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed and representational materials, audiovisual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or assessments.