

To: Local and Area Media
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Re: **Kokomo School Corporation Enrollment**

The quality and diverse educational opportunities within the Kokomo School Corporation are Tuition Free to ALL students. We encourage parents to give Kokomo Schools the opportunity to provide your students with a quality educational experience during the 2019-2020 school year.

The 2019-2020 enrollment sessions for Kokomo Schools PreK through 12th grade students are scheduled for July 16-18. Interested parents/guardians of prospective students are invited to tour our schools during these enrollment days. Kokomo Schools enrollment sessions are: Tuesday, July 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, July 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Kokomo Schools is continuing online registration for only returning students. This registration option will allow parents/guardians to update student information for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents and guardians of returning students will have an opportunity to complete the registration process from home, or any location with internet access.

For the benefit of your child, all returning PreK-12 students are encouraged to enroll using the online registration process, or in person during the three July enrollment sessions. Please remember that any students new to Kokomo Schools still must complete the enrollment process at the school building they will attend during the 2019-2020 school year.

Kokomo Schools includes 7 elementary (K-5) schools and 3 middle (6-8) schools, as each school offers unique opportunities. At the elementary level, the following programs – Technology Academy, International Baccalaureate, KEY (High Ability), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and Integrated Arts – are available, while

our middle schools offer Technology Academy, International Baccalaureate, Integrated Arts, KEY, STEM, and two 8th-grade Career School programs.

Kokomo Schools offers full-day and half-day preschool programs at 6 sites: Sycamore, Bon Air, Boulevard, Elwood Haynes, Lafayette Park, and Pettit Park. Kokomo Schools also offers full-day preschool for qualified 3- and 4-year-olds at the Head Start Program at Darrough Chapel Early Learning Center (900 S. Goyer Road, Kokomo).

Our two Technology Academies at Bon Air (2800 N. Apperson Way, Kokomo) and Pettit Park (901 W. Havens, Kokomo) provide personal computing devices for all students to use during the school day. These technological tools engage students in a balanced learning environment utilizing technology; thereby, maximizing student learning. All Technology Academy teachers receive extensive professional development training through a partnership with Digital Promise – a nonprofit organization authorized by Congress to spur innovation in education.

Our International Baccalaureate (IB) elementary World Schools at Lafayette Park (919 N. Korby, Kokomo) and Sycamore (1600 E. Sycamore St., Kokomo) allow students to experience real-world projects with a global focus. All IB students have daily instruction in a foreign language (Spanish). IB students are offered diverse learning opportunities in mathematics, science, writing, history, art, and music. The IB program promotes project-based learning through inquiry with a global focus on cultural understanding. Teachers receive specific IB professional development training.

Our KEY High Ability program for gifted students at the elementary level is located at Sycamore and is designed for students who have been found to be eligible due to exceptional gifts, talents, motivations, or interests. Curriculum for KEY students is accelerated and enriched, while KEY teachers receive intense High Ability professional development training.

Our STEM elementary schools at Boulevard (1901 W. Boulevard) and Elwood Haynes (910 S. Cooper St.) provide a unique and integrated learning experience through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Teachers participate in STEM professional development training, and take these subject areas and interweave them into the curriculum. The

hands-on nature of STEM instruction increases the likelihood of success among students of all learning styles.

Our Integrated Arts elementary school at Wallace (2326 W. Jefferson, Kokomo) offers a curriculum that includes rhythm & movement, keyboarding, and violin; as well as other opportunities in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies to enhance academic learning through arts integration. Students show understanding through an art form by engaging in a creative process, which connects an art form and another subject. The Integrated Arts teachers each spend a week in an intensive summer training program at the “Kennedy Performing Arts Center” in Washington, D.C. for professional development.

At the middle school level, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program is available at Maple Crest (2727 S. Washington St., Kokomo), as well as a Career School for 8th graders. The International Baccalaureate World School, the Integrated Arts program for grades 6, 7, and 8, and the KEY gifted program are housed at Central Middle International School (303 E. Superior St., Kokomo). Bon Air Technology Academy (2796 N. Apperson Way, Kokomo) offers a technology program where each student receives a personal computing device during the school day, as well as a Career School for 8th graders.

Parents should enroll their students at the school building where they will attend classes in 2019-2020. Out-of-district, non-registered, students may report to any elementary school (K-5), or middle school (6-8), for assistance.

At PreK through 12 enrollment July 16, 17, and 18, Kokomo Schools parents, who have not updated their student information online, will be asked to review, or complete, a Registration Report for their children.

Parents of Kokomo High School students MUST complete the online enrollment process this year to ensure all student information is up-to-date, and all necessary forms are signed. Parents of other students who are interested in enrolling at Kokomo High School are asked to visit the high school main office to enroll their student. High School parents also may email KHS Principal Angela Blessing (ablessing@kokomo.k12.in.us) to begin a conversation about becoming part of the Kokomo High School family. A parent or guardian must accompany high school students enrolling

for the first time at KHS. During these brief enrollment sessions, students will schedule a time to meet with a counselor to schedule classes.

KHS offers 25 Advanced Placement (AP) classes, while many other dual credit courses are available through the International Baccalaureate program as well as from the adjoining Kokomo Area Career Center. The International MYP (Middle Years Program) serves students in 9th and 10th grade.

Kokomo High School also is an authorized World School for the Diploma Program for International Baccalaureate students in grades 11 and 12. The first International Baccalaureate Diplomas were earned by several DP candidates in the Class of 2016. This world school authorization makes KHS one of only 22 high schools in Indiana to offer the IB Diploma Program. Further, this DP authorization makes the Kokomo School Corporation only the 2nd school district in Indiana to offer IB programs for students in grades K through 12.

The IB Diploma Program authorization was an intense 3-year process that required high-level professional development and detailed curricular development by the IB teachers. Kokomo High School also was recently authorized to offer students the International Baccalaureate Career Program (IBC). KHS is the only authorized high school offering IB Career Program in Indiana. All Kokomo High School students are provided with a laptop for use during the school day.