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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 2017-2018 school year.

The 2017-2018 enrollment sessions for Kokomo Schools Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are scheduled for July 18-20. Interested parents and guardians of prospective students are invited to tour our schools during these enrollment days. Kokomo Schools enrollment sessions are: Tuesday, July 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, July 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For the benefit of your child, all Pre-K-8 students are encouraged to enroll during these sessions.

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 – Traditional, Technology Academy, International, KEY (High Ability), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and Integrated Arts – are available, while our middle schools offer Technology Academy, International, Integrated Arts, KEY, STEM, and two 8<sup>th</sup>-grade Career School programs.

A 5-year implementation plan will be completed this summer to make the Kokomo School Corporation completely 1-to-1 in grades K-12.

Preschool programs are available at Boulevard, Elwood Haynes, Lafayette Park, and Pettit Park, as well as the Head Start Program at the Darrough Chapel Early Learning Center (900 S. Goyer Road, Kokomo).

Elwood Haynes Elementary (910 S. Cooper St., Kokomo) provides an engaged learning environment that focuses on the “workshop approach” for reading, writing, science, social studies, and mathematics. Inquiry,

exploration, and discovery are used as tools to enhance the curriculum. All Elwood Haynes students also experience classes such as art, music, technology, and physical education weekly.

Our two 1-to-1 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 International students have daily instruction in a foreign language (Spanish). International students are offered diverse learning opportunities in mathematics, science, writing, history, art, and music. The IB program promotes project-based learning through inquiring with a global focus on cultural understanding. International 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 school at Boulevard (1901 W. Boulevard) provides a unique and integrated learning experience through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Boulevard teachers participate in intensive 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 dance, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1-to-1 Technology program where each student receives a personal computing device during the school day, as well as a Career School for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Parents should enroll their students at the school building where they will attend classes in 2017-2018. Out-of-district, non-registered, students may report to any elementary school (K-5) or middle school (6-8) for assistance.

At PreK through 8 enrollment July 18, 19, and 20, Kokomo Schools parents will be asked to review, or complete, a Registration Report for their children. Students who are eligible for bus transportation, either to their school of residence, or to their school of choice – International, Technology Academy, KEY, STEM, or Career – will receive their bus information during these enrollment sessions.

At the high school level, students, who attended, and completed grades 8 through 11 during the 2016-2017 school year in Kokomo Schools, are already enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year at KHS. 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](mailto:ablessing@kokomo.k12.in.us)) to begin the 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 24 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Kokomo High School also is an authorized World School for the Diploma Program for International 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Orientation sessions for ALL students interested in attending Kokomo High School and those new students (especially freshmen) already enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year will be conducted Thursday, July 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. in the KHS auditorium. International students are asked to attend the 1 p.m. session.

During Thursday's (July 27<sup>th</sup>) orientation sessions, students and parents will have an opportunity to meet administrators and counselors, as well as tour the KHS facility, including our technology-rich classrooms, our updated athletic facilities, and our Kokomo Area Career Center.

The first day of school for Kokomo School Corporation students is Wednesday, August 2, 2017.