

2023-2024 Education Guide



KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION

Creating a Better World Through Education

Choice Application Window Open through March 24th

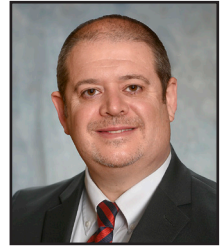


Online Enrollment Opens June 1st

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Superintendent's Message



Dr. Michael Sargent

Welcome from Kokomo Schools. I must start by saying how proud I am of the work being done by our teachers and staff as they continue to face daily challenges unlike anything educators have experienced in our lifetime. Our Kokomo School Corporation employees keep our students safe. I also wish to thank our current families for their understanding as our dedicated and committed staff create learning experiences for our children.

Our school leaders – including Board members, administrators, and teachers – have spent many hours studying some of the top programs and schools around the world because we believe our diverse student population deserves diverse quality learning options. Kokomo Schools hopes you will consider one of our options.

Those opportunities include Integrated Arts; an Outdoor program; International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools; KEY (High Ability); State-Certified STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs; and Community Preschools.



A new option for the 2023–2024 school year is the Choice Magnet STEM Elementary School at Maple Crest. Yes, Kokomo Schools is re-opening Maple Crest STEM Elementary School on Lincoln Road, and will include a KEY (Gifted and Talented) program for qualified students in grades K through 4 for the 2023–2024 school year. Beginning with the 2024–2025 school year, both the STEM and KEY programs will include grade 5.

These programs all lead to Kokomo High School, where students can choose from multiple graduation pathways, including our Advanced College Prep Academy which

features multiple Advanced Placement (AP) courses that are open to ALL KHS students. Kokomo Schools pays all AP exam fees. Multiple career pathways await KHS students at the Kokomo Area Career Center, which is just down the hallway at Kokomo High School. KHS 9th-graders may enroll in these career center courses and begin working on their graduation pathways in these hands-on, project-based technical classes.

This 2023-2024 Education Guide is a road map for our corporation's learning options. Our Early Childhood Education Fair February 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Gym opens the application process for Kokomo School Corporation's Choice Magnet programs (pages 8 through 11) for preschool and K through 8th-grade students. The Choice Application window for the 2023-2024 school year will remain open through Friday, March 24th. Online enrollment for new and returning students begins Thursday, June 1st and continues through the start of school.

Again, thank you for your continued support of Kokomo Schools!

Michael S Sargent

Apply NOW for Magnet programs

Kokomo School Corporation officials are proud to offer families diverse quality learning options. The Choice Application window opens February 23rd at the Early Childhood Education Fair and continues through March 24th for Kokomo Schools Magnet programs for students in preschool through 8th-grade. The Magnet programs include Outdoor Learning for preschool through 2nd-grade students at Boulevard STEM Elementary School; STEM for K through 4th grade students at Maple Crest STEM Elementary; Integrated Arts for K through 5th-grade students at the Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts and for 6th to 8th-grade students at Central Middle International School; International Baccalaureate for K through 5th-grade at Lafayette Park Elementary International School and Sycamore Elementary International School and for 6th to 8th-grade students at Central Middle International School; KEY (High Ability) for K through 5th-grade students at Sycamore Elementary International School, K through 4th-grade students at Maple Crest STEM Elementary, and for 6th to 8th-grade students at Central Middle International School; and Neighborhood 8th-grade Career schools at Bon Air Career Middle School and Maple Crest STEM Middle School.

Families interested in any of these Magnet programs need to complete a 2023-2024 Parent Choice Application before the March 24th deadline to be considered for acceptance into these Magnet programs. Remember, NO application is necessary if students are staying in their current (2022-2023) Magnet program at the same school. All Choice applications will be considered, and selection will be based on space availability, as well as entrance (screening) requirements for the Magnet programs.

Choice Application Window

February 23 through March 24, 2023

Note: No Application necessary if your student is returning to the SAME Magnet program at the SAME school

KSC Magnet Programs (Require Choice Application):

- International Baccalaureate (IB) – at Lafayette Park (K-5) & Sycamore (K-5)
- KEY (High Ability) – at Maple Crest (K-4) & Sycamore (K-5)
- Integrated Arts (IA) – at Wallace Elementary (K-5) & Central Middle (6-8)
- Specialized STEM – at Maple Crest Elementary (K-4)
- Outdoor Learning – at Boulevard Elementary (PK-2)

2023 Kindergarten Screening

March 3, March 6, and May 1

Online Enrollment Window

June 1 through August 2, 2023

- In-Person Enrollment at KSC Buildings ... 8AM to 4PM, Tuesday, July 11, 2023
- Enrollment Deadline for Transportation ServicesFriday, July 14, 2023

Kokomo High School



- The KHS Class of 2022 earned more than **\$7.4 million** in scholarships
- In 2022, **8** KHS students were Diploma Program (DP) candidates, and **8** were IB Career-related Diploma (IBCD) candidates
- The KHS Class of 2022 achieved a **93%** graduation rate
- During the 2021-2022 school year, **185** KHS students earned **929** college credits through dual credit courses at KHS

Kokomo High School is proud of its culturally diverse student body, including more than 75 International students from more than 19 different countries. KHS students learn from each other, while experiencing a rigorous and engaging curriculum through a variety of challenging academic programs, as well as through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Our multiple Advanced Placement courses and IB Diploma Program courses rival any high school in Indiana. Those Advanced Placement courses are open to all KHS students in our academies - State-Certified STEM Academy, K-Tech Academy, IB Academy, and Virtual Academy. Kokomo Schools pays all AP exam fees for its students. KHS students, including 9th & 10th graders, have access to hands-on, project-based career and technical courses at the Kokomo Area Career Center, which is located on the Kokomo High School campus.

Contact Information: Mrs. Angela Blessing, Principal, ablessing@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 455-8040; Mailing address: 2501 S. Berkley, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

KHS Student Testimonials



Noah Thompson, KHS senior

“Kokomo High School has prepared me to be successful at the college level by offering a vast amount of rigorous courses. Those AP, DP, Honors, and dual credit classes give KHS students an early opportunity to face college-level material. My utilization of these courses already has earned me 21 college credits after my junior year. In addition to the academic aspect, KHS offers many extracurricular activities, and that’s why this is a great place to build a résumé for college scholarship applications. Based on such a résumé, I was recently selected as one of Howard County’s two Lilly scholars; but I gratefully declined that award, because it covers only college tuition and accepted the full-ride National QuestBridge Scholarship. That award covers everything, even money for travel expenses, and will allow me to fulfill my childhood dream of graduating debt-free from the University of Notre Dame. The other reason I appreciate Kokomo Schools is the unique opportunities. At Wallace, I was able to learn to play the violin and keyboard at an early age; at Central, I experienced the international mindedness as we learned globally with students from other countries; and at KHS, through our International program, I have developed relationships with students from around the world.”



Shayne Spear, KHS senior

“My educational experiences at Kokomo High School have been great, and I feel they have prepared me for the next level, both academically and athletically. I have been so fortunate to have teachers and coaches at KHS who cared about me, and that has made a huge impact on my education. School should be about learning, and I feel like I can say that I have learned something at Kokomo High School each and every school day. Because I have had teachers and coaches who truly care, I have been able to develop relationships that I believe will be life-long. I have great respect for my teachers and coaches at Kokomo High School; but more importantly, I believe they respect me as well!”



Jihwi Min, KHS senior

“This is my second year at Kokomo High School as an International student (South Korea), and I love it here. KHS offers so many challenging academic courses. Kokomo Schools has provided me with multiple options of AP and dual credit classes that have prepared me to be successful at the next level. I love Math, and I exhausted my AP math options during my junior year, but KHS was able to offer me a dual credit choice of studying Multivariate Calculus through a partnership with Ivy Tech since I had all the prerequisites. I took 6 AP courses my junior year and am taking 4 more this school year; but I think I appreciate even more the extra-curricular opportunities. I have always wanted to be a cheerleader in America, and while I am living that dream, I continue to compete in violin and piano.”



Alona Smith, KHS junior

“While preparing me for college, Kokomo High School also has helped me manage my time as I have learned how to balance my academics and activities. Many people do not realize the number of AP, DP, and dual credit courses offered at KHS! Those courses will allow me to graduate with several college credits, which both saves my family money while setting me up for success in college. With the Kokomo Area Career Center down the hallway, I also have had many amazing opportunities to test out my interests while trying different career paths through real hands-on experiences. Plus, my teachers – from elementary through high school – have been so supportive and helpful. One can always stay busy at KHS.”

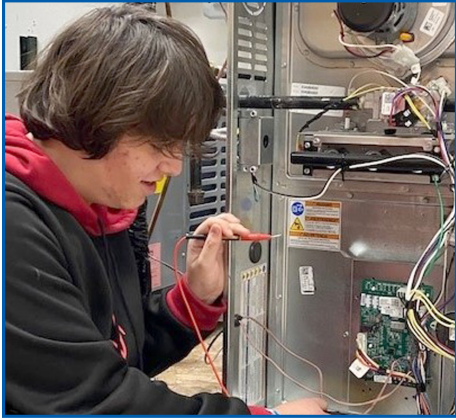


Elizabeth Lytle, KHS senior

“I believe the most important lesson that I will take with me to college from Kokomo High School is learning how to manage my time while being tasked with college-level courses and staying active so I can learn those other important lessons as well. Experiencing what it will be like in college could not happen without KHS offering so many AP, DP, and dual credit courses. The other benefit of so many college-level courses is that I will enter college as a second-semester sophomore because of the college credits I have earned at KHS. Perhaps my most mind-expanding experience has been joining the KHS Environmental Club, where I learned that I have a passion to do something about our environment. Now, I am planning to major in Environmental Geoscience.”

Kokomo Area Career Center

The Kokomo Area Career Center provides hands-on, project-based career and technical education for more than 1,250 students in grades 8-12 from four counties and nine school districts. KACC students are able to earn college credits from many KACC classes at no cost through agreements with Ivy Tech, Vincennes University, and the University of Southern Indiana. Approximately 240 college credits are available to KACC students, as well as job shadows, internships, and clinical rotations as part of the student preparation for employment and/or post-secondary education. KACC offers 11 Career Pathways:



- Agriculture
- Business
- Construction
- Healthcare
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Media Arts
- Public Safety
- STEM
- Transportation

The Kokomo Area Career Center, in partnership with Kokomo High School, also is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Career-related Program (IBCP).

Contact Information: Mr. Jonathan Schuck, Director, jschuck@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 455-8021; Mailing address: 2415 S. Berkley, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Simon Youth Academy at McKinley Alternative School

Simon Youth Academy at the McKinley Alternative School provides a personalized approach to help students earn a high school diploma. McKinley students are accepted ONLY by a KHS Principal referral. McKinley also houses a middle school program.

Contact Information: Mr. Idowu Ikudabo, Principal, iikudabo@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7080; Address: 1217 W. Carter St., Kokomo, IN 46901

Twilight School at Kokomo High School For qualified KHS students & adults, ages 16 to 21

The Twilight School on the Kokomo High School campus is open to qualified KHS students and adults, ages 16 to 21. This innovative educational opportunity allows students to pursue a Kokomo High School diploma during the twilight hours from 3 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Applicants, please call (765) 455-8040, ext. 19423.

Contact Information: Mr. Mike Susong, Vice Principal, msusong@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 455-8040, ext. 19423; Address: 2501 S. Berkley, Kokomo, IN 46902.

Grades 8-12 Virtual Learning Option

Kokomo School Corporation continues to offer a full-time, synchronous, virtual learning program for interested students in Grades 8 through 12. Students in the program are provided with a district laptop at no cost to parents to access the virtual classroom and online resources. The virtual option is available at Kokomo High School and Central Middle International School based on enrollment.



Before beginning the virtual program, students and their parents will be required to attend an Onboarding meeting which reviews the expectations and structure of the Kokomo Schools Virtual Program. The goal of this Onboarding meeting is to ensure the Virtual Program is a good fit for students and their families. Questions about the Kokomo Schools Virtual Program may be emailed to kokomovirtual@kokomoschools.com.

Teachers in the Virtual Program have hybrid classrooms, where educators teach students both virtually and in-person. Virtual classrooms are equipped with advanced camera systems that allow teachers to provide synchronous instruction for students enrolled in our program. When a teacher presents new material, the camera has the ability to zoom in and focus on a whiteboard, digital presentation board, or any designated classroom location, such as a demonstration lab.

Utilizing this advanced technology, teachers are able to look at a 55-inch mounted TV screen in the back of their classrooms and see students who have logged-in; and thus, have joined the live-streamed class lessons. Microphones allow students who are attending virtually to ask questions and to provide answers to the teacher, who is physically in the classroom. Virtual students also hear the discussions taking place in the classroom.

This synchronous online learning environment closely replicates an in-person classroom experience. Virtual students, like their in-person classmates, have the ability to ask questions mid-lesson, and receive immediate feedback from their teachers.



Magnet International Baccalaureate Schools
*Central Middle International (Integrated Arts) (KEY),
Lafayette Park Elementary International,
Sycamore Elementary International (KEY)*



Central Middle International School (Grades 6-8)
IB Middle Years Program (MYP) /
KEY (High Ability) / Integrated Arts

Central Middle International School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School, which includes cohorts of the KEY (High Ability) program and the Integrated Arts program. International studies focus on an academically challenging curriculum that connects compassionate young learners to a global understanding. MYP students receive daily instruction in a foreign language (Spanish). Central students in the KEY (High Ability) program benefit from an enriched curriculum, where the focus is on depth of knowledge and real world applications. The Integrated Arts curriculum is designed to infuse arts methods into all subject areas. All Central students have the opportunity to participate in Orchestra and Keyboarding (Piano) during the school day.



Contact Information: Mrs. Holly Herrera, Principal, hherrera@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7000; Mailing address: 303 E. Superior Street, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

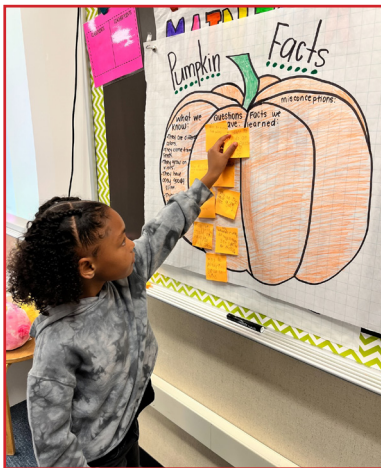
Lafayette Park Elementary International School (K-5) Primary Years Program / Community Preschool (Page 23) / Special Education Preschool

Lafayette Park Elementary International School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School. Students at Lafayette Park receive challenging academic instruction through inquiry-based lessons, which challenge students to ask thought-provoking questions, explore and expand their knowledge while taking a global perspective. A community preschool program at Lafayette Park offers half-day (AM&PM) for 3 and 4 year olds, and full-day classes for 4 year olds only. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 1, 2023. Parents must provide transportation. A Special Education preschool program also is located at Lafayette Park. Academic and other support services are provided through a well-designed program to meet each student's individual needs.



Contact Information: Mrs. Jada McCallum, Principal, jmccallum@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7060; Mailing address: 919 N. Korby Street, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 9:15 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Sycamore Elementary International School (K-5) Primary Years Program / KEY (High Ability) / & Community Preschool (Page 23)



Sycamore Elementary International School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School, which includes a cohort of the KEY (High Ability) program. Students at Sycamore receive challenging academic instruction that helps them learn how the world works ... and why, as well as what it takes to be successful in life and in our global society. Sycamore's KEY program recognizes students who perform at an exceptional level of accomplishment in one or more core academic areas, and study in an accelerated learning environment. Only a (AM&PM) half-day community preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds is available at Sycamore. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 1, 2023. Parents must provide transportation.

Contact Information: Mrs. Suzanne Kishindo, Principal, skishindo@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7090; Mailing address: 1600 E. Sycamore Street, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Integrated Arts Magnet Schools

*Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts (K-5)
Integrated Arts (6-8) at Central Middle International School*



Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts

At the Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts, K through 5 students study core curriculum in an environment that is integrated into the arts. Students concentrate on the core curriculum with instructional methods tied closely to visual arts, dance, movement, and drama. Wallace students annually post some of the highest elementary state test scores in the area. Applicants will be given an arts-related assessment with an established criteria level required for admission to the Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts. No Preschool services are available at Wallace.

Contact Information: Mr. Jason Snyder, Principal, jasonsnyder@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7095; Mailing address: 2326 W. Jefferson, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Maple Crest STEM Elementary (K-4) with KEY (High Ability)

Maple Crest STEM Elementary School will re-open for the 2023-2024 school year as a Magnet STEM/KEY program. During the 2023-2024 school year, Maple Crest will support STEM and KEY (High Ability) classrooms for qualifying students in Grades K through 4th; and then will expand to K through 5th for the 2024-2025 school year.

Maple Crest STEM Elementary will provide qualifying students with a quality education through a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum, while incorporating Integrated Arts processes into the classroom instruction. This project-based curriculum will allow students the opportunity to work within STEM structures; while incorporating important skills, such as inquiry and collaboration, through process-based instruction.

The Maple Crest STEM Elementary KEY program is open to students who meet the KEY guidelines within the corporation's established criteria



*Jason Snyder
Principal - Maple Crest
STEM Elementary*

New Magnet Programs

Maple Crest STEM Elementary School is re-opening as a Magnet STEM and KEY (Gifted & Talented) elementary school for eligible K to 4 students for the 2023-2024 school year; and will become K to 5 in 2024-2025.

Families must complete a Choice Application if they wish for their K to 4 student to be in either Magnet program - STEM or KEY - for the 2023-2024 school year. The Deadline to complete a Choice Application for the 2023-2024 school year is March 24, 2023.

for its gifted and talented program. KEY students should be seeking an accelerated learning pace. Principal Jason Snyder noted that the structure within the KEY project-based curriculum and assessments at Maple Crest STEM Elementary will encourage higher-level thinking skills as the rigor within the State Standards is increased for KEY students.

Students interested in attending Maple Crest STEM Elementary School are expected to complete a Kokomo School Corporation Magnet CHOICE application; and then participate in a screening process for either STEM or KEY, both of which have an established criteria level required for admission.

No Preschool services will be available at Maple Crest STEM Elementary.

Contact Information: Mr. Jason Snyder, Principal, jasonsnyder@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 860-2534; Mailing address: 300 W. Lincoln, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 8:45 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

2023-2024 PARENT CHOICE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

[No Choice application necessary if student is staying in current program at current school]

Parents/Guardians:

Kokomo School Corporation needs your help choosing the education program that is best-suited for your student for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents, please rank your choices ... 1st and 2nd, on your Choice Application. All applicants will be considered. Selection will be based on space availability for all schools, as well as entrance (screening) requirements for some Magnet programs, including Integrated Arts, KEY (High Ability), Maple Crest STEM and Outdoor Learning, as well as the Neighborhood 8th-grade Career schools at Bon Air and Maple Crest. If parents wish for a child/children to be **considered** for enrollment in a Magnet program (IB, Integrated Arts, Maple Crest STEM, KEY, and Outdoor Learning), please complete a 2023-2024 Parent Choice (K-8) Application online. This form may be found at KokomoSchools.com. The online Choice Application process will remain open through March 24, 2023. All students are guaranteed a spot at their boundary school at Bon Air, Boulevard, Elwood Haynes, Lafayette Park, Pettit Park, and Sycamore elementary schools, and Maple Crest and Bon Air middle schools.

Kindergarten Screening:

Kindergarten screening will be offered during March. Students attending Kokomo's Head Start Preschool or a Kokomo Schools Community Preschool will be tested at their school. Kindergarten screening appointments can be reserved online for March 3rd and 6th, by contacting Kim Cravens, Email: kcravens@kokomo.k12.in.us ; Phone: (765) 455-8000. Additional kindergarten screening appointments will be available May 1st.

Transportation Eligibility: Preschool Through 8th Grade

With the exception of the students living in walk-in zones, transportation is provided for students who attend the school within their district boundary. **Transportation for Preschool students is provided ONLY for Head Start students.** Transportation is provided for all Kokomo School Corporation residents who are accepted into one of the Magnet programs: Maple Crest STEM Elementary (K-4), KEY at Maple Crest Elementary (K-4) and Sycamore Elementary (K-5), Wallace Elementary Integrated Arts, KEY at Central Middle School, Central Middle School Integrated Arts, or Central Middle International School. For students attending an elementary IB school at Lafayette Park* or Sycamore*, shuttle service is provided for students from the boundary schools to their designated IB school.

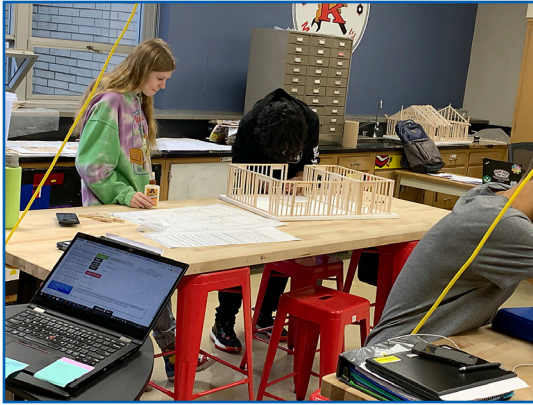
*The boundary schools for Lafayette Park IB include Boulevard and Pettit Park, while the boundary schools for Sycamore IB include Bon Air and Elwood Haynes.

For specific boundary and/or transportation questions, call the Transportation Department at (765) 454-7105.



All Parent Choice Applications are due by March 24, 2023.

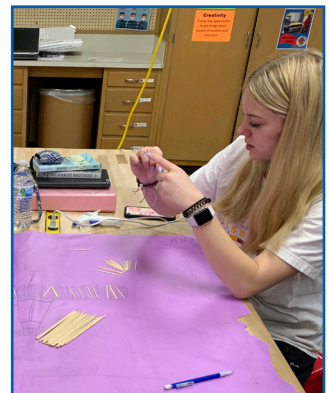
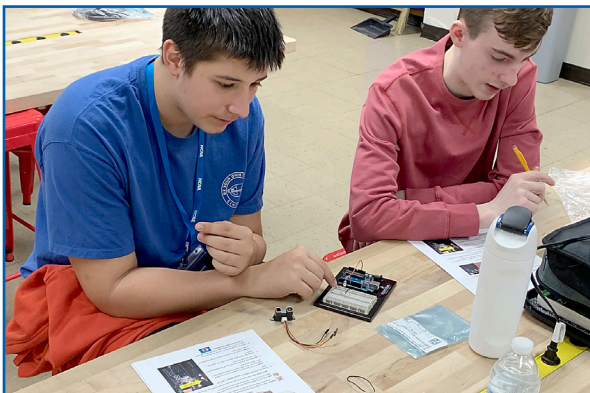
State-Certified STEM Academy at KHS



KHS students use a blueprint to build a model home in the Makerspace STEM lab

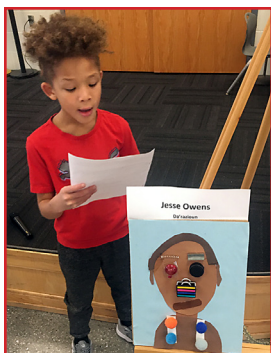


Indiana STEM teachers work in the KHS Makerspace lab to refine STEM lessons for their classrooms



Students learn to program robotic devices in the KHS Makerspace Lab

The ARTS are Alive



Wallace student shares Jesse Owens



Students practice in the Wallace Keyboarding Lab

The Central Middle School Orchestra performs for its classmates



The Kokomo High School Marching Wildkats earned the 2022 Indiana State Fair Band Day State Championship, while the KHS Winter Guard has qualified for the IHSCGA State Finals for 20 consecutive years

at Kokomo Schools



Wallace Elementary Integrated Arts students practice notes on their violins without using their bows



KHS Drama, Band, and Choir students collaborated in Elf, The Musical

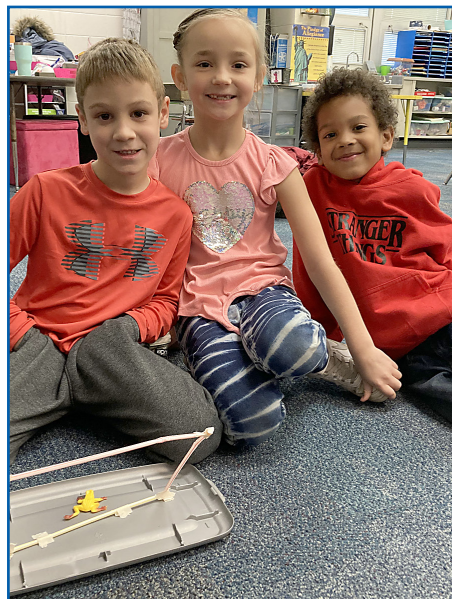


The KHS Orchestra performed a World Premiere of “Spirit of Innovation” in March 2022. This special piece of music was commissioned through a Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation enrichment grant

Neighborhood STEM Schools

*Elwood Haynes Elementary, Boulevard Elementary,
and Maple Crest Middle School (8th-grade Career School)*

Neighborhood STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics) Schools have distinct boundaries and all students living within those boundaries are guaranteed admittance. Student admission is determined by the location of his/her residence. Other students may apply to attend these neighborhood STEM schools.



Elwood Haynes STEM Elementary School (K-5) Community Preschool (Page 23)

Elwood Haynes STEM Elementary School is a Neighborhood STEM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Mathematics) School. Elwood Haynes students are encouraged to explore and create, while engaging in STEM-based lessons that identify real-world problems, and seek solutions. Inquiry, problem solving, and collaborating are among the important skills that Elwood Haynes students learn while being immersed in STEM learning. Only a full-day community preschool program for 4 year olds is available at Elwood Haynes. Children must be 4 by August 1, 2023. Parents must provide transportation.

Contact Information: Mrs. Jennifer Mable, Principal, jmable@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7050; Mailing address: 910 S. Cooper St., Kokomo, IN 46901; K-5 student hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Preschool hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Boulevard STEM Elementary School (Grades K-5) Community Preschool (Page 23)

Boulevard STEM Elementary School students apply the rigor of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics content while engaging in learning activities that investigate the natural world. A half-day (AM&PM) community preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds, and a full-day community preschool program for 4 year olds only are available at Boulevard. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 1, 2023. Parents must provide transportation.



Contact Information: Mr. Eric Augustus, Principal, eaugustus@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 455-8070; Mailing address: 1901 W. Boulevard, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Outdoor Learning Magnet Program For Preschool through 2nd Grade

Boulevard’s Outdoor Learning Program is available to students in Preschool through 2nd grade. This Outdoor Learning Program allows Boulevard students the opportunity to take and use their learned classroom lessons and materials in different outdoor environments. The full-day Outdoor preschool class is for 4 year olds only. Parents must provide transportation. For qualifying students, the full-day outdoor preschool is a co-pay program. Families must apply for the Outdoor Learning Program by using a Choice Application. Outdoor students spend up to two hours outside daily – in sun, rain, or snow – applying their classroom knowledge.



Maple Crest STEM Middle School (6-8) State-certified STEM middle school

Maple Crest STEM Middle School provides students in grades 6-8 with a quality education in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) environment. Maple Crest offers a STEM-rich curriculum that connects students with careers and the community, while immersing them in an environment rich in critical thinking. Maple Crest STEM Middle School serves students from Boulevard and Elwood Haynes elementary schools.

Contact Information: Mr. Thomas Hughes, Principal, thughes@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 455-8085; Mailing address: 2727 S. Washington Street, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com



Maple Crest Career School Bon Air Career School (For qualified 8th graders)

Maple Crest STEM Middle School and Bon Air Career Middle School offer students and parents a choice of a Career School for qualified 8th graders. The Career School gives students opportunities to investigate a career area for high school credit. Students in the Career School attend classes both at Maple Crest/Bon Air and at the Kokomo Area Career Center. While at the career center on the high school campus, students take high school level classes, such as Health Science, Auto Service, and Marketing for high school credit.

Career School Contact Information:

Maple Crest: Mr. Thomas Hughes, Principal, thughes@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 455-8085; Mailing address: 2727 S. Washington Street, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Bon Air: Dr. Amanda Landrum, Principal, alandrum@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7025; Mailing address: 2796 Apperson Way North, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Neighborhood Transformation Zone Schools

*Bon Air Career Middle School (Grades 6-8),
Bon Air Elementary School (Grades K-2),
and Pettit Park Elementary School (Grades 3-5)*

Neighborhood Transformation Zone schools have distinct boundaries with all students living within those boundaries guaranteed admittance. Student admission is determined by the location of his/her residence. Transformation Zone schools provide students with additional time and days for learning each school year. Other students may apply to attend the Neighborhood Transformation Zone schools.



Bon Air Career Middle School

Bon Air Career Middle School serves students at Bon Air and Pettit Park elementary schools, while providing a seamless transition to grades 6-8. With a personal approach to academics, interventions, and adolescent development; Bon Air Middle School provides a proactive, transformative approach to educating our students. During the past several years, Bon Air Middle School students have shown higher growth on State test scores compared to other schools in the area. Bon Air 8th-graders are eligible for a Career School program (see Page 18) in partnership with the Kokomo Area Career Center, where they can earn high school credits.

Contact Information: Dr. Amanda Landrum, Principal, alandrum@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7025; Mailing address: 2796 Apperson Way North, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Bon Air Elementary School (Grades K-2) Community Preschool (Page 23)



Bon Air Elementary School is a Neighborhood Transformation Zone School that serves students in Grades K through 2. The goal at Bon Air Elementary is mastering the Indiana Academic Standards through the incorporation of technological devices, hands-on exploration, and targeted group instruction. Understanding how to be a collaborative and critical thinker is an important part of each student day at Bon Air. Students in the Transformation Zone School at Bon Air have been recognized for showing higher growth on the Indiana State Assessment: ILEARN, when compared to other elementary schools in the area. Only a AM&PM half-day community preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds is available at Bon Air. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 1, 2023. Parents must provide transportation.

Contact Information: Mr. Jonathan Riegler, Principal, jriegler@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7030; Mailing address: 2800 Apperson Way North, Kokomo, IN 46901; School hours: 8:25 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com

Pettit Park Elementary School (Grades 3-5) Community Preschool (Page 23)

Pettit Park Elementary School is a Neighborhood Transformation Zone School that serves students in Grades 3 through 5. At Pettit Park, the staff is committed to the students' growth, both in their academic and social-emotional learning. Students are provided daily opportunities to learn in skill-based small groups. Students in the Transformation Zone School at Pettit Park have been recognized for showing higher growth on the Indiana State Assessment: ILEARN, when compared to other elementary schools in the area. Only a AM&PM half-day community preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds is available at Pettit Park. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 1, 2023. Parents must provide transportation.



Contact Information: Dr. Lyndsi Smith, Principal, lyndsismith@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone number: (765) 454-7075; Mailing address: 901 W. Havens, Kokomo, IN 46902; School hours: 8:25 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.; www.kokomoschools.com.



STUDENT SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2023 - June 2024

July 2023

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First Semester (90 days)

AUGUST

2 First Day of School for Students

SEPTEMBER

4 Labor Day (No School)

OCTOBER

16-20 Fall Break (No School)

NOVEMBER

7 Parent Conference Day (K-5); (6-8)
 7 ½ Day - Curriculum Development (9-12)
 7 ½ Day - Parent Conference (9-12)
 22-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

DECEMBER

18 Final Exams
 19 Final Exams / Last Student Day
 Before Winter Break
 20-(Jan 2) Winter Break (No School)

Second Semester (90 days)

JANUARY

(Dec 20)-Jan 2 Winter Break (No School)
 3 First Day Second Semester
 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (No School)

FEBRUARY

19 Presidents Day (Snow Make Up Day)

MARCH

March 25-(April 5) Spring Break (No School)

APRIL

(March 25)-April 5 Spring Break (No School)

MAY

22 Final Exams
 23 Final Exams
 23 Last Day for Students (K-12)
 27 Memorial Day

JUNE

7 Commencement

Kokomo Schools Community Preschool Options

Realizing the importance of early childhood education, Kokomo Schools provides children with the opportunity to become immersed in a world of inquiry, exploration, and discovery. Research supports early childhood education and emphasizes the importance of introducing young children to a literacy-rich environment in language arts and math. The development of social skills and collaborative problem solving help young children learn how to work together in the classroom environment.

Kokomo's preschool programs serve 3 and 4-year-old students in preparation for full day kindergarten. Children entering the community preschool program must be 3 and/or 4 by August 1, 2023. Half-day community preschool programs at Bon Air, Boulevard, Lafayette Park, Pettit Park, and Sycamore are open to 3 and 4 year olds, while full-day preschool programs at Boulevard, Elwood Haynes, and Lafayette Park are available to 4 year olds only.

Families who are interested in a preschool program should check first with Head Start Preschool at Darrough Chapel to see if they qualify for full-service programming. Full service through Head Start includes Transportation for that full-day program.

Kokomo School Corporation Head Start Program *Darrough Chapel Early Learning Center* *900 S. Goyer Rd., Kokomo, IN 46901*

The Head Start program at the Darrough Chapel Early Learning Center provides a full-day preschool for Head Start eligible 3 and 4 year old children from Howard, Tipton, and Miami counties. All preschool teachers are state-certified and provide kindergarten readiness preparation based on a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Educational objectives focus on age appropriate academic and physical skill development as well as health, nutrition, social/emotional support, and medical needs. The full-service program includes Transportation and school day meals. The local Head Start is an Indiana State-licensed Early Childhood Center, and has earned Level 4 (highest rating) in Paths To Quality.



Contact information for Head Start:

Mrs. Kelly Wright, Director, Email: kwright@Kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone: (765) 454-7082

Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Program (PreK-2nd) *at Boulevard STEM Elementary School*

Kokomo School Corporation offers a full-day Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Program at Boulevard STEM Elementary School. Children must be 4 by August 1, 2023, to qualify for the Outdoor Preschool. This Outdoor Learning option, which is available to students in preschool through 2nd grade, allows students the opportunity to take, and use, the learned classroom materials in different environmental settings, such as meadow, burrows, woods, pond, and cabins, where Outdoor students spend up to two hours daily in sun, rain, or snow. Families must apply for the Outdoor Learning Program by using a Choice Application.

Community Half-Day & Full-Day Preschool Options

2022-2023 School-Based Sites - Six Locations

Bon Air Elementary

2800 N. Apperson Way
Only Half-day (AM&PM)
for 3&4 year olds

Boulevard Elementary

1901 W. Boulevard
Half-day (AM&PM)
for 3&4 year olds
& Full-day for 4 year olds

Elwood Haynes Elementary

910 S. Cooper St.
Only Full-day for 4 year olds

Lafayette Park Elementary

919 N. Korby St.
Half-day (AM&PM) for 3&4 year olds & Full-day for 4 year olds & Special Education Preschool

Pettit Park Elementary

901 W. Havens
Only Half-day (AM&PM)
for 3&4 year olds

Sycamore Elementary

1600 E. Sycamore St.
Only Half-day (AM&PM)
for 3&4 year olds

Elementary school-based community preschool opportunities are available for Kokomo area children, who must be 3 and/or 4 by August 1, 2023. Half-day (AM&PM) community preschool programs at Bon Air, Boulevard, Lafayette Park, Pettit Park, and Sycamore are open to 3 and 4 year olds, while full-day Kokomo Schools community preschool programs are available to 4 year olds only at Boulevard, Elwood Haynes, and Lafayette Park.

Half-day programs are funded through Title I for children residing in the Kokomo Schools attendance area. The full-day community preschool programs can be funded through “On My Way Pre-K” and/or parent co-pay. Children living outside the Kokomo Schools attendance area are welcome to attend these preschool programs when space is available through a monthly tuition fee or through “On My Way Pre-K”.

Contact information for Kokomo’s school-based Preschools:

Kim Cravens, Corporation Elementary Schools Secretary ...
Email: kcravens@kokomo.k12.in.us; Phone: (765) 455-8000

2023-2024 Preschool Application Information

Preschool Parents/Guardians:

If you wish for your 3 or 4 year old child/children to attend a Kokomo School Corporation community preschool program or the full-day Head Start program, please complete a 2023-2024 Preschool Application online. This preschool application form can be found at KokomoSchools.com under District Announcements.



KOKOMO SCHOOLS

Community Preschools at
Bon Air / Boulevard /
Elwood Haynes / Lafayette Park
Pettit Park / Sycamore

Head Start Preschool at
Darrough Chapel
Early Learning Center



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