

EAST KENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

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The Community

Kentwood Public Schools are located in southeast Kent County, only 15 to 20 minutes from the heart of downtown Grand Rapids. Kentwood is a very diverse community both economically and demographically.

The School District

The goal of Kentwood Public Schools is to provide all students with an excellent, quality education so that they can master essential skills and become successful, productive citizens.

The district houses its K-12 enrollment of 8,860 students in ten elementary schools (grades K-5), three middle schools (grades 6-8, and a high school, which is comprised of a Freshman Campus and a 10th-12th grade facility (2 buildings located on a single site).

The student body is international and diverse, with students originating in 89 different countries speaking 83 languages. English Language Learners make up 20% of the students in the district.

The High School

East Kentwood High School offers a comprehensive program intended to prepare students for college and employment. There are approximately 2800 students in grades 9-12. Students are encouraged to take a curriculum to prepare them for post-secondary education. Our students have an opportunity to participate in dual enrollment, vocational education at Kent Career Technical Center or Kent Transitions Center, and online learning opportunities.

EKHS is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 2018, approximately 69% of EKHS's graduates enrolled in advanced degree-granting institutions, with 35% attending community college and 34% attending a 4-year college.

Vision Statement

All graduates of East Kentwood High School will be inspired to excellence and life-long learning, educated for intellectual and cultural competency, and empowered to reach their full potential as productive self-directed members of society..

Curriculum

More than 150 courses in 12 departments are offered, including Advanced Placement courses in all core departments, art and computer science. Students traditionally take six classes per day. For the 2020-21 school year, students had the option of remote or in-person learning.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Kentwood Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, height, weight, or marital status in its programs and activities.

Graduation Requirements

Each semester class is worth .5 credits. Students must meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum expectations, which generally include the subjects listed below. A few students are eligible for a personal curriculum to modify these requirements.

English – 4 credits
Science – 3 credits
Mathematics – 4 credits
Social Sciences – 3 credits
World Language—2 credits for class of 2016 and beyond
Visual, Performing, Applied Arts – 1 credit
Physical Education -- .5 credit
Health -- .5 credit

Testing Program and Results

In the state of Michigan, all Juniors are required to take the SAT as part of the M-Step state assessment. All Sophomores take the PSAT-10 in the spring as well. Approximately 50 students take the NMSQT/PSAT test in October.

We do not have enough students who take the ACT test to report a meaningful mean score.

SAT Mean Scores – State Testing, 2019

Composite	945	*2020 testing postponed
ERW	470	due to Covid-19
Math	475	

Grading Policy

EKHS closed per Governor Whitmer's executive order on 3/13/20, and remained closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. All students learned remotely during this time. Students who earned passing marks received 2nd semester grades of either Credit (CR) or the letter grade they had at the time of the shutdown. A formula determined which would more positively impact each individual student's GPA. We have returned to our standard grading policy for 2020-21 and beyond.

A : 93-100 (4.0)	C : 73-76 (2.0)
A- : 90-92 (3.7)	C- : 70-72 (1.7)
B+ : 87-89 (3.3)	D+ : 67-69 (1.3)
B : 83-86 (3.0)	D : 63-66 (1.0)
B- : 80-82 (2.7)	D- : 60-62 (0.7)
C+ : 77-79 (2.3)	E : 0-59 (0.0)

Courses following the College Board defined curriculum and designated as AP in the course description book will be weighted an additional 1 point when computing GPA. The GPA on student transcripts reflects a weighted GPA, which is also used for class rank.

Advanced Placement Courses

Our AP program is open enrollment, with teacher recommendations, but not requirements. During the spring of 2020, 380 students took 729 exams in 21 areas and 72% of the scores were equal to or higher than 3.

Additional Information

Administrators

Mr. Omar Bakri, Principal, 10-12
Mr. Dominic Lowe, Principal, 9
Mr. Jason Bannister, Assistant Principal, 10-12
Mr. Gary Harmon, Assistant Principal, 10-12
Ms. Lindsay Kimbrough, Assistant Principal, 10-12
Ms. Erika Vann, Assistant Principal, 9
Mr. Blaine Brumels, Athletic Director, 9-12

Guidance Department

Ms. Jennifer Twilling, Counselor
Mr. Marc Mitchell, Counselor
Mrs. Jennifer Bailey, Counselor
Mrs. Kathryn VanOveren, Counselor
Mrs. Bonnie Geurink-Koetsier, Registrar
Mrs. Joy Lobsiger, Clerk

Advanced Placement Course Offerings

* AP Art History
AP Studio Art Drawing Portfolio
AP Studio Art 2-D Design Portfolio
AP Studio Art 3-D Design Portfolio
AP Computer Science
AP Language and Composition
* AP Latin (offered based on student interest)
AP Literature and Composition
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics
AP Environmental Science
AP Psychology
AP Economics
AP Spanish Language
AP US Government
AP US History
AP World History
* not offered for 2020-21 school year

We do not offer honors courses. We do offer Advance Literature and Culture, an accelerated option for 9th and 10th grade.

Demographics of the Student Body (as of Sept 2020)

Free or Reduced Lunch: 100%
Race/Ethnicity:
White 29%
Black or African American 33%
Asian 15%
American Indian < 1%
Two or more races 7.5%
Hispanic of any race 15%
English Language Learners: 20%

Class of 2020 Snapshot

Class size: 607 students
GPA distribution (as of October, 2020)
Higher than 4.0 53 students
3.5 – 3.99 129 students
3.0 – 3.49 128 students

Colleges and Universities Attended

The vast majority of East Kentwood graduates choose to attend college in Michigan. A few leave the state. Here is a sample of the institutions our students have attended recently:

Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Valley State University
Western Michigan University
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Central Michigan University
Ferris State University
Hope College
Calvin College
Aquinas College
Alma College
Michigan Technological University
Wayne State University
Kalamazoo College
Cornerstone University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Howard University
Hampton University
Stanford University
Harvard College

Special Opportunities and Programs

Music:

4 Bands (Freshman, Concert, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble)
5 Choirs (Freshman, Men's Ensemble, Concert, Chamber, Madrigals, Varsity Voices)
3 Orchestras (Philharmonic, Concert, Symphony)

Theater: Fall Play, Children's Performance Troupe, Spring Musical

Interscholastic Athletics

Boys: Football, Cross Country, Water Polo, Swimming, Basketball, Bowling, Wrestling, Tennis, Soccer, Baseball, Track and Field

Girls: Swimming, Competitive Cheer, Water Polo, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Soccer, Tennis, Cross Country, Bowling, Track and Field

Falcon News Network
Residential Construction
Yearbook
Publications/Newspaper
Robotics
We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution
Debate
Forensics
Mock Trial
National Honor Society
National Art Honor Society
Student Council
Career Internship
Various other clubs and activities, based on student interest