



AGGIE NEWS

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Introducing... Aggie STEAM Adventures

Thanks to the generous support of companies like Dean Transportation, Dansville Schools will not only be the only school in Michigan, but one of the only schools in the entire country, to open a new STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) experience this fall for students in grades K-8 called Aggie STEAM Adventures!

Students will be taught the STEAM skills needed to take on roles as part of a mission crew that will periodically enter the spaceship to go on curriculum-rich missions such as historical journeys back in time, moving through the human body or traveling in space to solve problems in an interactive mission experience!

STEAM teacher Mrs. Angie St. Amant serves as a sort of "Wizard of Oz" who is watching the students and can intervene in different ways that truly makes every mission an adventure for each crew! This is not a canned program, but an interactive experience that can be adapted to meet the needs of each set of students.

We are especially excited about the alignment of this program with our mission to teach our students the vital 21st century skills (communication, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking) needed to be successful in their future life adventures.



Summer Basketball Youth Camp



Moving Day

Dear Aggie Family,



We hope this newsletter finds you reflecting on an extra-long summer full of experiences that created lasting memories with your children. Please begin preparing your students for the transition back to school by slowly getting them back on

a “school schedule” and encouraging lots of reading, practicing of math facts and working on educational apps/online games. This would be a perfect time to sit down with your child and make some goals for the upcoming school year. Developing academic and personal goals together that are written down and posted somewhere for accountability is a great way to get off to a strong start to the school year.

We have never been more excited for the start of a school year and in talking with many of you over the past few months, I think it’s safe to say we all share in this excitement!

The 2018-19 school year is the Year of the Aggie!

Our school is undergoing a renaissance that none of us can fully anticipate as we welcome many new families to our school and community while also launching so much more than just brand new beautiful facilities.

WHY IS THIS THE YEAR OF THE AGGIE?

Security and Technology: For starters, we are so thankful for the improved secured entryways in every building along with security cameras and upgraded technology infrastructure throughout the district. There will be six Chromebooks in every elementary classroom along with a brand new additional flex Chromebook lab for elementary teacher use. There will also be two Chromebook carts for use in the middle school, as well as a new collaborative student workspace outside the two middle school computer labs. In addition to iPads for every high school student, every high school and some middle school classrooms are outfitted with an interactive panel that will allow our teachers to



Year of the Aggie

deliver and allow students to interact with content in the most effective and engaging method that is currently available.

Beautiful, Student-Centered, Brand New High School: We cannot wait for everyone to see our brand new high school that was designed to meet the needs of today’s learner.

The building is filled with collaborative learning spaces including unique locker designs and wide corridors that serve as lobby, commons and cafeteria areas.

These spaces are outfitted with a variety of furniture to maximize opportunities for student group work. These corridor areas will nicely complement our beautiful, modern classrooms featuring the latest in educational technology. A shared middle and high school media center (library) will no doubt draw in our students as it was designed with them in mind to encourage a love for literacy and provide more spaces for collaborative work. Daylight has been maximized throughout this beautiful building which is beneficial to staff and students alike.

Honoring Aggie History: Those who are familiar with the former middle school building will notice several intentional nods to the architecture and design of that building in the new high school building:

- the large windows were specifically designed to enhance learning throughout the building and generally mimic the size of the former middle school windows;
- the outside material choice for sills and window pattern are similar to the former middle school;
- a new bell tower that houses the original bell replaces the old bell tower;
- the library was designed for modern learning after research of libraries built in the early 1900s;
- prominent placement of the existing class composites in the main high school commons; and
- a Dansville Schools historical timeline to be placed in the lobby of the performance center.

Renovated Middle School: The former high school has been transformed to welcome our middle school students and staff this fall. In addition to the increased technology and upgrades, the district painted and recarpeted any classrooms that were still in need of updating using sinking funds. The bond renovation project included turning the former library into a fully functional science lab and renovating the other existing science lab. Students with special needs will have a new space designed to provide

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opportunities to learn life and employability skills in addition to the core curriculum. This former high school building will house the K-8 art room while the high school art and Spanish classrooms are located in the area near the juncture of the middle school and high school buildings. We are so thankful that our middle school students will experience these critical years of learning in this newly updated facility.

Renovated Elementary School: A new, centrally located office with a secured entryway will be a major improvement to the elementary building, along with the additional computer lab and classroom technology that were previously mentioned. The elementary will also greatly benefit from the new adjacent performance center/gymnasium that will be completed later this fall. Elementary students will be able to enter the new connecting vestibule and walk down a separate ramped corridor that will lead them directly into the gymnasium.

This new performance area will also enhance school wide assemblies and make a perfect spot for evening events and activities.

Another big change is that the new Aggie STEAM Adventures classroom and spaceship will be housed in the fifth grade hall of the elementary school.

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Aggie alumnus and longtime teacher Angie St. Amant sought out this unique opportunity, has been trained and will lead our students throughout this new AMAZING adventure.

We have been using sinking funds to build out an existing classroom that is now adjoined to a the inside of a ... SPACESHIP!

Brand New High School Courses: We are also proud to announce that Mr. Jerrod Braman was selected to receive extensive training this summer developed by code.org and will launch one of the first of their AP Computer Science courses in the state. Michigan is hungry for students to enter into tech careers and it is our hope to help ignite a passion for this work in our Aggies with these types of opportunities.

Additionally, we will be offering a unique Project Lead The Way course in Architecture next year that ties into our already strong engineering line up. Our middle

school students can take Design & Modeling followed by Robotics and then in high school can enter our Intro to Engineering and Principles of Engineering courses.

Students then often go to the Wilson Talent Center to finish a four-year engineering course of study. We have been honored by the great feedback from the Wilson Talent Center that Dansville students are particularly well prepared to be successful in their engineering program because of all of the opportunities we have here.

We are also very excited about the pairing of our new high school Media Production course with the new Scorevision board that will be featured in the new high school gymnasium. Students will work to create content that will be shared with various audiences within the school and the community, including via our new Scorevision board. This video display board will allow us to share the great things happening at our school, to feature our students and to bring new excitement to athletic competitions. In addition, sponsored advertisements will be available that will eventually more than pay for the cost of the equipment.

Dansville Schools was the first K-12 school to implement a Scorevision board in Michigan and we look forward to seeing the creativity of our students as we embark on this exciting new journey!

Spring Math!: Dansville is one of the first schools in Michigan to offer Spring Math! for our students. This program allows teachers to focus on every subskill in every grade level, enter student data daily and work on these subskills until students reach mastery as measured by this research-based program. We look forward to our first full year of implementation starting this fall after piloting it K-8 last spring. We have just learned that we have been chosen to be one of the only schools in the country to pilot a high school program this year as well!

We truly believe this, along with ongoing implementation of Go Math! is going to be the game changer for math for our students.

New Band Uniforms: We are pleased to announce that after the development and implementation of a strategic plan, the band program was able to raise the funds needed to purchase beautiful, brand new band uniforms to be rolled out this fall! Thank you to Ian and Kim McNabb for their hard work and leadership to make this happen through fundraisers and grants.

Mechanical and Parking Improvements: We are so thankful to share that the bond project also included

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upgrading our mechanical systems throughout the entire district. This will provide improved efficiency and controls as we now have fully air-conditioned middle and high school buildings. The elementary mechanical system was upgraded and it is our hope is to eventually add air-conditioning to this building in order to provide optimum learning environments for our students throughout the district.

We are also thankful for the new improved bus loop that will be completed sometime in September and for the new parking loop and traffic flow improvements made in the high school parking lot.

These much-needed improvements will increase safety and efficiency for students and families.

High School Gymnasium/Indoor Walking Track/

Athletics Fields: While the focus for September 4th has been the completion of all instructional spaces, the new high school gymnasium and walking track is expected to be completed by the end of October. Dansville will have the ability to host MHSAA tournament events in all sports upon completion of the gym and the new athletic fields. The first floor of the gym features the main competition floor, locker rooms and our health classroom while the second floor has the walking track, fitness room and weight room. Due to displacement as a result of building the new school, the district appreciated the support of the community to take the opportunity to make properly oriented, regulation-sized soccer, baseball and softball fields as well. All of the fields will be irrigated and will be served by a new shared concessions/restroom building.

We look forward to a grand opening for soccer this fall and to bringing our baseball and softball teams home again this spring!

New School and Community Fitness Room/

Wrestling Room: The school/community fitness room and the adjacent wrestling room are expected to be completed later this fall, along with the high school gymnasium. These rooms feature large, open spaces with windows overlooking the gym and will be welcomed additions to the school.

We hope to open up the fitness room and walking track to the community as soon as possible.

We will need to put systems in place that will balance community access and student security prior to opening these areas. Stay tuned!

While we are excited and proud of the "new" as we prepare to open on September 4, 2018, we remember that what

makes Dansville Schools special is that we have committed, caring teachers and staff who join a loving community that forms our Aggie Family.

As we highlighted why we are celebrating the Year of the Aggie, it is important to note that all of these celebrations are intended to help us fulfill our newly revised mission.

The mission of Dansville Schools is to inspire creativity, confidence, compassion, and hope in all students. Our students will demonstrate knowledge, critical thinking, communication skills, and collaboration as world-changing members of the Aggie Family.

We truly believe we are well on our way to fulfilling this mission for our students with all of the enhancements made possible by each of you, along with the personalized learning experience provided by our outstanding teachers.

We also wanted to update you regarding some new locations. Many of you visited us this summer in what will be the new location for meetings of the Board of Education. The Board will be meeting in the first classroom adjoining the Commons inside the middle school as soon as it becomes available. This room currently houses a representative from each office. The superintendent's office will be located just inside the middle school in the former location of the high school office. We intentionally designed the offices so that each building has an administrative office at the entry for the purpose of security.

We hope you'll all join us for the upcoming "The Aggie Family Goes to School" community open house on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Come see and enjoy the beautiful facilities you have provided for our students! We can't thank you enough for the investment you've made as we begin to experience the renaissance of Dansville Schools.

It is my true privilege to serve the students, families and Dansville community. Your patience, encouragement and support over the past few years as the district has been so significantly under construction has reminded me almost daily why we chose to raise our own family here.

As always, please let me know if there is anything any of us can do as we continue to work to make our school the best it can be for all students and a place for which all of you can be proud.



Amy Hodgson

Superintendent
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Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available in all building offices and were also included in your student's registration packets. They can also be filled out online at www.lunchapp.com. Any personal information you provide will not be shared.

- Only one application needs to be filled out per family. You are able to fill out an application anytime during the year if your financial status or number of family members changes.
- This process is fast, simple and confidential.
- The district receives funding based on the number of students that receive free and/or reduced meals.
- Free and reduced price meal applications are confidential. Your information will only be used to determine your child's eligibility for the school meal programs. We cannot share your information without your written permission.
- Students who receive free and reduced price meals are not identified. No other students, staff or teachers know who is receiving free or reduced meals.
- If your child qualifies for free or reduced price lunches, he or she qualifies for free or reduced price breakfast at school as well. We hope your child will take advantage of eating healthy meals at school.
- Your child may receive other school benefits. The number of applications that are returned and approved can affect how much funding our school gets to help students meet academic benchmarks, including materials like books and computers.
- Please take a few minutes to fill out this form so that your child may qualify for these important benefits.

A letter will be mailed out to your family stating your application status. **If you have any questions regarding this process please call Chris Salmon, Dansville Schools Food Service Director, at 623-6120 ext. 7237.**

Dansville Schools, located at 1264 Adams Street, Dansville, Michigan, receives and uses Federal funds and United States Department of Agriculture donated foods. No person because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap shall be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and child nutrition programs. Any person who believes they have been discriminated against should write immediately to Chris Salmon, school lunch coordinator.

Eat Breakfast at School

School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they are best prepared for school each day. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for building a strong and healthy body. Breakfast at school is also affordable. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program with no additional paperwork. Help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

Breakfast is served daily in all three buildings in the morning. Students can grab a breakfast and go on to class to start their day off right!



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- Make online deposits to your student's account
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- View your student's account activity to see details regarding purchases
- Transfer money between household members' meal accounts

If you do not have this set up for your students, you will need your student's ID number which can be given to you by the Food Service Office. All accounts that have been created in the past will still be active for use again this year.



Welcome
back
TO
SCHOOL

The Aggie Family
Goes To School!

Dansville Schools invites you to come back to school
and tour our new and newly remodeled facilities!

Community Open House
Tuesday, September, 4, 2018 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Each building will be open and staff members will be available to answer questions.

Substitutes Needed

Looking for a way to earn extra income but want to be on the same schedule as your kids? Consider working as a substitute during the school day. We would love to add to our teacher, paraprofessional and food service substitute pools!

If you are interested in ANY of these positions, please contact EDUStaff, the company that hires and trains our substitutes, at www.edustaff.org to start your application today!

If you have any questions, would like more information or need help during the application process, please call 1-877-974-6338 and one of the EDUStaff representatives would be happy to help you! **Be sure to mention that you were referred by Dansville Schools.**

We so appreciate your consideration of supporting our school in this way! Dansville Schools values the importance of hard work and diligence and understands how challenging working as a substitute teacher can be.

We are pleased to offer \$90 per full day to our substitute teachers. In addition, each substitute teacher that works 10 or more full days in a calendar month will receive a \$25 gas card as an additional incentive.



Community Day 2018-19

Dansville Schools remains committed to serving our community and to instilling a Live to Give mindset in our students.

Unfortunately, due to the unforeseen timelines associated with our construction and renovation project, we will need to postpone our 2018-19 Community Day that was previously scheduled for September 21, 2018 to May 3, 2019.

We will provide more details in the months to come. We will be providing scrap metal recycling as well as technology recycling this year for the community and look forward to serving this spring.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any projects you'd like us to consider for the upcoming Spring Community Day, please contact Erin Graf at grafe@dansville.org.



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- Shopping through links in the iGive member Newsletters
- For faster shopping, create your own list of favorite stores on your iGive member home page under My Stores.

Visit iGive.com today and register to support the Aggie Family!

When asked to "Choose Your Cause," please select Dansville Schools.

Aggie Athletics

SPRING ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Baseball

- Nathan Mack: 1st Team All-League, All District, All Region, Academic All District, All Region
- Chaase Salazar: 2nd Team All-League, All District
- Carter Frantz: 2nd Team All-League, All District, Academic All District
- Ethan Young: All League Honorable Mention, All District
- Anthony Mack: Academic All District

Girls Soccer

- Ashley Myall: All District first Team, All Region, All State Honorable Mention
- Olivia Serafini: All District
- Perri Ostrander: All District
- Kasia Polek: All District Honorable Mention

Softball

- Elena Fajardo: 1st Team All-League
- Chloe Neal: All-League Honorable Mention

Track and Field

- Spencer Anderson: 800M Run: All-State 7th Place, 9th Place at Honor Roll Meet
- Jalen Nelson: All State 2nd Place, 1st Place at Honor Roll Meet, 2nd Place at Regional Meet, 1st Place League for High Jump (School Record jump 6'6"), 1st Team All-Conference, Lansing State Journal Dream Team
- Hayden Voss: 100M Dash: 12th Place All State, 1st Place at Regional Meet, 3rd Place at League Meet, 9th Place at Honor Roll Meet, All Conference Honorable Mention). 200M Dash: 10th place All State, 2nd Place at Regional Meet, 1st Place at League Meet, 5th place at Honor Roll Meet, 1st Team All-Conference
- Carson Voss: 1st Team All-Conference for High Jump
- All boys and three girls set Personal Records
- Boys' team placed 4th out of 16 teams at Webberville Invitational



Athletic Boosters

Dansville Athletic Boosters is a 501(3)c non profit organization whose purpose is to raise funds to support, promote and stimulate interest in Dansville Schools' middle and high school sports.

Their goal is to provide funds to support sports programs for which no other provisions have been made. They also provide an annual athletic scholarship to two Dansville graduating seniors. The boosters raise these funds through the concession stands at Dansville High School home games, the annual Memorial Day Big Foot Challenge Race and advertising signs around athletic fields and other events.

The Dansville Athletic Boosters are currently looking for those who are interested in making a difference in Dansville High School's athletic programs. There are plenty of areas for you to be of help — from volunteering in the concession stands to assistance with the Big Foot Race to helping with 50/50 raffles or half court shots — they have a spot for you!

For more information, please contact
April VanDouser at 517-881-2744.

Athletic Passes

Athletic passes will be available for purchase at the Dansville High School office.

Athletic passes allow entry to all home high school and middle school athletic events, with the exception of MHSAA events.

2018-2019 PRICE SCHEDULE

Family Fall Pass	\$85
Family Winter Pass	\$85
Family Spring Pass.....	\$65
Family Year Pass	\$200
Couple Year Pass.....	\$125
Individual Year Pass	\$75
Student Season Pass.....	\$10
Student Year Pass	\$25

Children third grade and younger are admitted at no cost to all home high school and middle school athletic events.

Senior citizen passes are available at no cost for admittance to all home high school and middle school athletic events.

Why Attendance Matters

Dansville has one of the best overall attendance ratings in Ingham County. However, we always are striving to be even better.

Last year, Dansville High School had 213 tardies and Dansville Middle School had 151 tardies to first hour. This often due to students arriving to school after first hour has begun rather than just being tardy to class after being to school on time. On average, Dansville's secondary schools have about 33 tardies for the year in the subsequent hours. We are particularly concerned by the large amount of tardies to first hour.

attendance MATTERS

There are many benefits to helping your child understand the importance of being on time.

Students with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behavior. Also students who develop an "on the job" attitude toward school will possess crucial characteristics that are desirable to future employers.

Schools are most effective in achieving high attendance rates when parents, school leaders and community members work together to focus on reducing absences and truancy by keeping kids in schools.

One way of doing this is allowing your child to receive the consequence for being tardy to school. Students who are repeatedly tardy to school receive lunch detentions, after-school detentions and sometimes Saturday School.

By calling in to excuse students, it allows them to continue this pattern of irresponsibility. We want to work with you to make sure your child comes to school regularly and arrives on time.

COUNT ME IN!

Count Day Wed., October 3, 2018

Attendance on Count Day is more notable than other days is because it is the day that the state of Michigan uses to determine how much funding Dansville Schools will receive based on the number of students present on that one particular day.

ATTENDANCE CALL-INS AND TARDIES

A reminder to start the school year — if your child will not be in school on a particular day, it is important parents call in advance and let office staff know.

State law requires schools to report students to truancy who have 10 or more unexcused tardies/absences in a semester.

It is important we know if your child is excused for an illness or an emergency. We also want to stress the importance of students being on time to school, as well as to each class period.

Multiple parents have expressed how much they appreciate the automated phone system which calls home to notify them when a student is tardy. They have informed us that they then hold their child accountable by giving additional consequences at home. Often after putting this additional accountability in place, parents rarely receive that attendance phone call again.

Please join us in emphasizing the importance of children arriving on time for school. **A child who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during a year!**

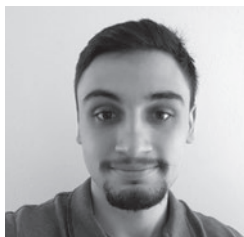
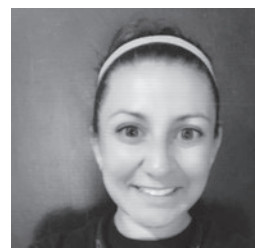
Students should arrive at school in the morning between 7:45 a.m and 7:55 a.m.

Dansville Welcomes New Staff Members



Joe Bainbridge will be teaching middle school social studies this year. Joe worked in a couple different fields before realizing he wanted to go back to Western Michigan University to pursue his passion for teaching. After earning his teaching certificate, Joe moved to Idaho where he taught for the past four years before returning to Michigan. Joe will also be serving as an assistant football coach and middle school basketball coach. We are so fortunate to have him be a part of the Aggie Family!

Tasha Ewing has joined the Dansville food service department. Tasha is a Dansville graduate and also attended Lansing Community College, Grand Canyon University and Paul Mitchel School. Tasha is the mom of three elementary Aggies. In her free time, Tasha likes spending time with her family and playing volleyball. Tasha is looking forward to learning and growing as part of the food service team.



James Finney will be teaching English Language Arts teacher for 6th and 7th grade. James is a recent graduate of Lourdes University where he earned a teaching degree in English Language Arts and Social Studies. In his free time, James enjoys reading, running and golfing with family and friends. We very excited to have James join the Aggie Family!

Athletic Coordinator **Christy Minnis** has taken on addition responsibilities this year as part-time middle and high school athletic director. In addition, Christy will be teaching a few sections of elementary physical education and will continue to sub throughout the district as needed. We are thrilled to have Christy in this expanded role!



Kenda Rude has joined the Dansville food service department. Kenda is a graduate of Mason High School and the mom of two Aggies, both of whom attend Dansville High School. She is very involved in 4-H and loves to work in her flower gardens and spend time with family. Kenda is most looking forward to working together as a team and being a bigger part of the Aggie family.

Andrea Salinas will be teaching 5th grade at Dansville Elementary. She has been an elementary teacher at Grand Ledge Public Schools for 14 years. She graduated from Central Michigan University with her teaching degree and later completed her masters degree in Literacy Instruction with Reading Specialist certification at Michigan State University. She and her husband have lived in Dansville for eight years and have two daughters. Andrea is thrilled to be teaching in my her own community! We very excited to have Andrea join our Aggie Family!



Celebrations

STUDENTS ATTEND ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD CAMP

Congratulations to Dansville High School sophomores Elena Baker and Elizabeth Troia, who were selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp.

Elena and Elizabeth joined student leaders from around the state to share ideas and learn new leadership skills to share with our Aggies.

Thank you to the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club for sponsoring our students at this event!



Elizabeth Troia and Elena Baker

AGGIES ATTEND GIRLS AND BOYS STATE

Dansville High School seniors Nathan Soule and Erin Mauk participated in Girls State and Boys State during the summer. These summer leadership and citizenship programs are sponsored by the American Legion and provide an opportunity for top student leaders to learn about our government.

Congratulations to Nathan and Erin, and thank you to the Mason American Legion Post 148 for sponsoring our students!



Girls State Participants

NICK BARNETT EARNS AGGIE SUMMER MATH WARRIOR AWARD

Congratulations to Dansville 8th grader Nick Barnett for earning the Aggie Summer Math Warrior Award!

Nick's dedication and hard work in math earned him top honors for the summer!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Dansville High School is always interested in bringing students from different cultures together to learn and build lifelong memories. The International Student Exchange Program is looking for families to host students in Dansville. Host families do not need to have kids in the district; they only need to be willing to open their home to a student. **If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please contact the high school office at 517-623-6120 Ext. 7234 for more information.**



ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dansville Schools has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all of our buildings. These surveys are continuously done by a professional firm who also updates the records and conducts a six-month inspection. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, it will be supplied to you within five working days by contacting the Superintendent's office.

We have endeavored to make our school a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedures for dealing with this legislation reflect that concern. Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

STUDENT RECORD ACCESS

Student records are kept in order to aid the professional staff to best serve Dansville students. They consist of grades, testing results, directory information, and other pertinent information.

Directory information includes the student's name, address, phone number, picture, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation of officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received, previous schools attended by the student, and other similar information.

This type of information would be used for school publications, yearbooks, activity and athletic programs, and other printed materials of similar kind, as well as inquiries from other schools and potential employers.

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may request that the school not release any of this information for any reason. You may do this by submitting, in writing, to the building principal the information that you do not want used.

We also want to remind you that parents have the right to review their children's records, as do students eighteen years old or older. To do this, contact your building principal. If information in the school record is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, parents may request a hearing to have the information deleted from the record.

Copies of policies and a procedure for challenging information in a student record may be obtained from the superintendent's office.

DANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TITLE 1, PART A

Dansville Elementary School is a Title 1, Part A, Targeted Assisted School. Title 1 is a federally funded program through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The purpose of the program is to provide support to children who are not meeting the grade level standards in reading or math in Kindergarten-Grade 5.

At Dansville Elementary School, support is provided in reading in the Literacy Center. Eligibility for services is determined by assessment criteria. Title 1 literacy instruction will include research-based learning strategies, and the Title 1 literacy coordinator will be highly qualified. Budget allocations will also be set aside to assist students that qualify with the McKinney-Vento Act. For more information, please call the elementary school office.

GUN/KNIFE EXPULSION

Expulsion of students is mandatory for possession of a gun or knife (with a blade of 3 inches or longer). Guns include look-alike toy guns or facsimiles of guns. The legislation does not allow any exceptions to expulsion from Dansville Schools and the expulsion includes all Michigan Public Schools.

The complete policy can be obtained from the Superintendent's Office.

DRUG FREE SCHOOL

Dansville Schools has implemented a drug and alcohol prevention program. The School Board has adopted a drug free policy that allows the courts to provide double the normal fine or jail time for possession of drugs on school grounds.

Each individual school handbook contains standards of conduct and statements of disciplinary action that may occur if a student is in possession of drugs or alcohol. The standard of conduct for employees prohibits the unlawful possession and/or use of drugs and alcohol on school premises or at a school activity.

School Board policy prohibits the use of any tobacco products on school property at all times.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dansville Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem. You will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait

or gel formulations, at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by the law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the application.

If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the superintendent's office at 623-6120, ext. 7221 and indicate which school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by contacting the superintendent's office.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Michigan Law requires that students attending a public school be properly immunized against childhood diseases. The law states that students are not to be allowed to attend class unless they can show proof of immunization or an appropriate waiver.

If you are enrolling your child for the first time at Dansville Schools, please understand that under this law no child will be allowed to begin class until this proof or the appropriate waivers are filed with the school district. If you have not had your child immunized or it has been a while since having DTP shots in a recent series, please contact your doctor or your local health department in order to complete this requirement before school begins. Remember that a new enrollee now has to have the Hepatitis B and Varicella (chickenpox) vaccines.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Dansville Schools offers career and technical education classes to all high school students. These classes are designed to prepare students for a range of employment and training services. Students may elect to enroll in classes at the Wilson Talent Center, or take one of these classes offered at Dansville High School: Natural Resources and Zoology II.

Enrollment in these classes is open to all students and follows the district's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, height, weight, or marital status in all programs, services, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language proficiency is not a barrier to participate in the class.

Please contact Tania Dupuis, Secondary Principal, for more information.

NOTIFICATION TO PUBLIC REGARDING INSPECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Mrs. Amy Hodgson serves as Dansville Schools' curriculum director and is responsible for coordinating inspections of instructional materials at the school. Mrs. Hodgson's office is located at 1264 Adams St, Dansville, MI 48819 and she can be reached by calling 517-623-6120, ext. 7250.

Members of the public have the right to inspect instructional materials, including but not limited to, print and non-print materials, teacher's manuals, films, tapes and any other supplementary materials, used as part of the educational curriculum.



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Special Education

Department Overview

The Dansville Schools special education department offers a variety of program options in cooperation with Ingham Intermediate School District. Within Dansville Schools we provide students with individual programming based on each child's needs.

We are able to provide teacher consultant support services, resource services and a secondary basic classroom for the students of Dansville Schools.

Several professional staff and numerous paraprofessionals provide educational programs and services for our children. Students' programs and services are based on their needs, once they have been found eligible for Special Education services. Eligibility for Special Education services is determined through a referral and evaluation process.



If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hodgson, our Special Education District Coordinator at 623- 6120 ext. 7250 or hodgson@dansville.org.

WHAT TO DO IF I SUSPECT MY CHILD HAS A DISABILITY?

If your child is suspected of having a disability, anyone can refer him or her to the school for an evaluation.

This may be done by contacting the child's teacher, principal, or school counselor. You can also contact the special education office directly at 517-623-6120, ext. 7221.

The Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team (MET) will meet to discuss and review information needed about your child and determine what evaluations are needed. The team includes specialists from different educational areas. Parents are important members of this team and provide valuable information.

Once your written consent is received, the Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team will conduct testing within thirty (30 school days). The school district will determine if your child has a disability and they also determine whether he or she is eligible to receive special education services. Next, the school will schedule a meeting to develop an individual education program (IEP).

ELIGIBILITY

The Michigan Administrative Rules specify certain criteria for special education and define eligibility for services for students. Detailed information can be obtained from the Superintendent's office or from IDEA Federal Regulations.

Individual Education Program Based upon the MET report, which identified areas of concern, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines eligibility, and develops an IEP. The IEP includes educational goals for the student and appropriate programs and services. The IEP Team will meet yearly to review the specific needs of the student and make recommendations for programming.

The IEP team participants must include:

- The parents;
- A general education teacher, if needed;
- A special education teacher/provider, if needed;
- A representative of the local school district who has the authority to commit resources and is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum;
- A person who can interpret evaluation results; and
- Any other person who the parent or school district wishes to include who has knowledge of expertise regarding your child.

Gifted and Talented Programs

Families interested in learning more about gifted and talented programs for their children are encouraged to check out each school's web page.

In addition, families of students in grades 7-12 who are interested in learning more about Gifted and Talented Programs available through Michigan State University are invited to visit www.gifted.msu.edu or contact your child's building principal.



Staying Connected after Elementary School

One of the greatest differences between elementary and middle school may be the change in communicating with teachers.

In elementary school students had one teacher and parents had one point of contact. In middle school, your child may have three to six teachers. Communication may be more challenging, but it is still very important to all of us.

TIPS FOR STAYING CONNECTED

- Contact all your child's teachers early in the year. Email is the best way to do this. You can email any staff member from the district's website (<https://www.dansville.org/staff-directory/>).
- Visit the school. Attend evening events throughout the year and meet teachers.
- Friday Folders no longer come home in middle school, however parents can sign up via PowerSchool for weekly email announcements as well as weekly grade and attendance reports. This is where a majority of school, athletic and extracurricular activity announcements are communicated. If you need assistance with this, feel free to call the main office at 517-623-6120, ext. 7227 (middle school) or 7234 (high school).

Easy Way to Support Dansville Schools

With your help, Dansville Schools has earned between nearly \$6,000 over the last two years!

Box Top labels are worth 10 cents each and can be found on many products.

The elementary PTO runs a fall competition and a spring competition to see which classrooms can collect and submit the most box tops to benefit our school. The funds have been used to help pay for assemblies, student prizes, and other materials and supplies that directly support our students.

The middle school also collects labels in order to purchase Aggie Buck prizes for their students.



Please begin clipping and saving these valuable labels! They can be dropped off at any district office. We love that many community members who no longer have students in school save and drop-off these labels to support our school!

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