

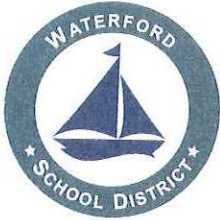
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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Waterford School District! We are excited to serve your child in this proud, tradition-rich community that truly values education. The Waterford School District staff, students, and parents all work together to ensure the academic and personal growth of every child. We are dedicated to providing an outstanding learning experience that includes comprehensive educational programs and we promise our students will learn in a safe and friendly school environment. We have small residential elementary schools where every child is known and cared for. In addition, we have two middle schools and three high schools that provide funded athletics and many more opportunities than other local secondary schools.

The focus of the Waterford School District Board of Education is on meeting the needs of the *whole child* as evidenced by a rigorous curriculum with an emphasis on early-age success. We offer elementary choral in addition to music and art classes. We offer all day every day tuition-free kindergarten. We also offer 16 Advanced Placement courses in the core and elective programs where students can earn college credit. We have a Dual Enrollment Program that allows students the opportunity to take college classes at Oakland University, Oakland Community College, Ferris State University, Baker College, and the University of Northwestern Ohio while still in high school and we have 25 articulated career and technical education courses with post-secondary institutions.

The Waterford School District was awarded International District Accreditation by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, making us among the top 5% of accredited school districts in the country. Our physical education curriculum has obtained the Level 8 Award from the Governors Council of Exemplary Physical Fitness. All of our schools earned grades of "A" and "B" on the State of Michigan Ed YES! report card. The District also boasts several Michigan Green Schools and has made \$12 million dollars in Energy Conservation Improvements funded through Energy Bonds with no increase in school taxes.

The community support for the Waterford School District can be easily observed by the recent passage of three bond proposals that has authorized the District to spend over \$200 million for new and renovated facilities. This has allowed the school district to continuously improve instructional areas such as media centers and classrooms and build state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centers and Pool and Fitness Centers. Our facilities have become a destination for State and regional competitions and programs, as well as national dance and performance organizations.

We invite you to become fully involved in the educational journey of your student and our community's youth – as a parent, volunteer, mentor, booster, and community supporter of our public schools. The Board of Education, administration, and staff of the Waterford School District are ever grateful to work in the service of youth and for the many caring circles of families and communities who work together in partnership with our schools to create a bright future. We look forward to working with you to ensure a rewarding and successful educational experience for your child. The Waterford School District is What Students Deserve!

Sincerely,

John Silveri
Superintendent of Schools



Waterford School District

About Us

It's the dream of every parent: a bright and successful child. It's the hope for every student: an excellent, quality education. Today, more than ever, active involvement in a child's education and the decisions made influence whether a child will realize these hopes and dreams. Take a closer look at the Waterford School District. Your student deserves the very best education. The Waterford School District is prepared to offer it!

The **education of our students is our primary focus**. We guarantee to all students the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become effective citizens of the world. Our students are successful because parents, staff, and the community share high expectations for quality instruction and successful student learning. We stress quality. Our students and staff are challenged to excel. Waterford students annually represent high achievement in academics, athletics, career and technical education, and performing arts.

Waterford has **13 elementary sites** that serve approximately 4,800 students each school year. Every elementary school has a new or renovated library/media center and have partnered with the Waterford Township Library. This is an integral part of the learning program of each school and ensures that both students and staff are effective users of information, ideas, and technology. In addition to the traditional elementary schools, Waterford provides an accredited early childhood program at the Stepanski Early Childhood Center. Each school offers expertise and experience in the areas of physical education, art, music, technology, and All Day, Every Day Tuition-Free Kindergarten.

The two **middle schools in Waterford** — Mason and Pierce — employ staff and teachers who are dedicated to making middle school a challenging and rewarding experience. Waterford is firmly committed to the middle school concept of education (grades 6-8, approximately 2,500 students) and has made the transition to that model between the elementary and high school levels. An interdisciplinary team approach has been implemented. A group of teachers work with the same group of students to meet their unique needs. The curriculum at the middle school level is specifically designed to focus on challenging academic goals, the development of socially acceptable behavior, and other critical human development needs of early adolescents.

Waterford has two **high schools** — Kettering and Mott — and one alternative high school — Waterford Alternative High School, Cray Campus, which educate approximately 3,600 students. Waterford high schools have a proud tradition of accomplishments and continue to educate a community of young men and women who make a lifelong contribution to our community, state, and country. Waterford emphasizes scholarship first, building a strong support curriculum, encouraging critical thinking, and problem-solving.

The **Waterford Cyber Academy**, is a non-traditional public school without walls that delivers curriculum and instruction virtually to students. Ninth through twelfth grade high school students in Oakland County, and its contiguous counties, can earn their diplomas almost entirely on-line. The Waterford School District believes that every student deserves a quality education, regardless of his or her abilities, location, and circumstances. K-12™ provides the curriculum, which is accredited through AdvancED. More than 130 core, elective, and advanced placement courses are available to the student. The virtual learning courses will be taken at a student's self-scheduled time and place with no regular daily attendance required.

The role of **interscholastic athletics** in the Waterford School District is to provide educational experiences in the framework of competitive athletics. By focusing on educational outcomes and student learning, athletics provides avenues for physical, emotional, social, and intellectual growth.

In the Waterford School District, we believe music, theatre and visual arts are vital components of a holistic education. Our **Performing and Visual Arts** students consistently excel. Each year our visual arts students garner many Gold Key and Portfolio awards at Scholastic Arts Exhibits at state and national levels. The performing arts students in band, choir, and orchestra regularly receive Division I ratings at Michigan School Vocal Music Association & Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association festivals.

Waterford facilities underwent extensive remodeling and construction made possible through the passage of a 1999 \$60 million dollar bond. In 2003, voters approved a \$100 million dollar bond proposal that includes \$8 million to be spent on classroom computers, printers, scanners, and other related technology for our students Districtwide. Eighteen new classrooms, instructional support areas, and locker rooms are outlined in the new construction plan. Pool and Fitness Centers were constructed at each high school as well. Expansion of existing elementary gymnasiums, cafeterias, kitchens, and serving areas at the elementary schools has occurred. New entrances, lobbies, classrooms, and support areas are constructed at each middle school. New construction costs total approximately \$34 million adding an additional 164,760 square feet. Remodeling costs total approximately \$45 million with an estimated 1,106,575 square feet being remodeled at the elementary, middle, and high schools.

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Points of Pride

MEAP Scores Exceed State

Our students continually score above State MEAP score averages

Accelerated Learning Opportunities

Articulation agreements exist with Oakland Community College, Baker College, Ferris State University, University of Northwestern Ohio, and Davenport University.

Nationally Accredited Preschool Programs

NAEYC accredited preschool programs at the Stepanski Early Childhood Center

International District Accreditation

International District Accreditation awarded by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

Exemplary Blue Ribbon Schools

Award-winning schools were named state and national "Exemplary Blue Ribbon" Schools by the Michigan & United States Departments of Education

Award Winning Performing & Visual Arts Programs

The Waterford School District boasts State and national award-winning performing & visual arts programs and was named the Top 100 Communities in America for Music Education

Athletic Champions

Waterford athletic teams earned divisional, regional, and state championship with many students named scholar-athletes

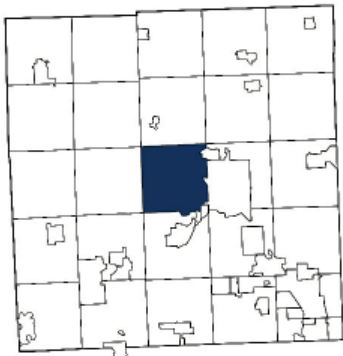
Exemplary Physical Education Program

The Waterford School District physical education program was awarded Michigan Governor's Council Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports Exemplary Physical Education Award

Student Success

Ninety-two percent of all graduating seniors pursue post-secondary education

Fast Facts



The Waterford School District is located in central Oakland County and serves four charter townships; Waterford, Independence, White Lake, West Bloomfield and the City of Lake Angelus and educates 11,300 students each year.

Waterford Township encompasses 36 square miles and has 34 lakes. Golf courses, tennis clubs, ski areas, a wave pool, and many parks serve the immediate area.

Community support in the Waterford School District was evident when voters overwhelmingly passed bond issues in 1999 and 2003. New pool and fitness centers, performing art centers, and gymnasiums have been added to each high school and numerous other building improvements.

The Waterford School District is Waterford Township's largest employer. The general fund budget is \$110,158,476. Local revenues make up 7.48%, state money 76.06%, and federal money 16.46% of revenues.

The Waterford School District ranks 9th in Oakland County, out of 28 districts, in the percentage of dollars spent for basic instruction and instructional and pupil support services.

Waterford Schools enjoys an AA+ school improvement bond rating which supports the District's financial stability.

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011-2012 Calendar at a Glance

September 6, 2011	Students Report
September 21, 2011	Professional Development Day (half day)*
November 8, 2011	Professional Development Day (no students)
November 23, 24, & 25, 2011	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 7, 2011	Professional Development Day (half day)*
December 19 - January 2, 2012	Winter Holiday
January 11, 2012	Professional Development Day (half day)*
January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King Day (no students)
January 27, 2012	End of Semester (half day)*
February 1, 2012	Professional Development Day (half day)*
February 23-24, 2012	Mid-winter Break
March 7, 2012	Professional Development Day (half day)*
April 2 - 9, 2012	Spring Break
May 2, 2012	Professional Development Day (half day)*
May 25 & 28, 2012	Memorial Holiday
June 15, 2012	Last Day for Students (half day)

**May be subject to change*

Common Calendar

Signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm into law on October 1, 2007, Public Act 101 requires that, by July 1, 2008, intermediate school districts, in cooperation with the local school districts they serve, adopt a common calendar. The calendar must identify the dates for at least the next five years when schools will not be in session for the winter holiday and spring holiday breaks. January 15, 2008, the Oakland Schools Board of Education held a hearing on the legislated Common Calendar and voted unanimously to adopt the proposed calendar as presented by the Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district serving Oakland County's 28 public school districts, in cooperation with the Oakland County Superintendents Association (OCSA) and representatives of the county's public school academies.

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Immunization Requirements

In order to help protect students from the spread of infectious childhood diseases, admission to the Waterford School District will be denied to all incoming preschool, kindergarten, and out-of-state registrants, and those students being promoted to sixth grade, who cannot show proof of immunization prior to the first day of school. Students previously enrolled in a Michigan public school will be allowed provisional enrollment subject to receipt of immunization records prior to exclusion dates.

Children 7 to 18 Years of Age & New to the District or Enrolled in Sixth Grade

Required Immunizations:

- 4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if first dose given on or after 7 years of age. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 through 18 yrs IF 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine
- 3 doses of polio vaccine with the last dose received on or after the fourth birthday, otherwise 4 doses
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine given at approximate intervals
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR) on or after 12 months of age
- 2 doses of Varicella if not previously vaccinated or the second dose if only 1 dose has been administered, OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease
- 1 dose of Meningococcal for ages 11-18 years of age

Recommended Immunizations:

- 3 doses of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A Vaccine (Hep A)
- Flu Vaccine every year in the fall or winter months

Kindergarten (Ages 4 through 6 years)

Required Immunizations:

- 4 doses of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTP) or DTaP, one dose received on or after the fourth birthday
- 4 doses of Polio vaccine if last dose received on or after the fourth birthday, only 3 doses required
- 2 doses of MMR - the first on or after the first birthday and the second at least 28 days after the first AND after the age of 15 months
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B minimum of 28 days between first and second doses; minimum of 56 days between second and third doses; minimum of 4 months between first and third doses; and third dose must be administered on or after 24 weeks or 168 days of age
- 2 doses of Varicella (or history of the disease-chicken pox), 1 dose on or after first birthday, second dose administered before age 4, provided at least 3 months have elapsed since first dose

According to the Michigan Department of Education, "The parent or guardian of each enrolling kindergarten student shall submit a statement signed by a district, county, or city health department director stating that the child has been administered the department of community health preschool vision screening test, or signed by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician or a licensed optometrist stating that the child's eyes have been examined during the preschool years after age 3 and before initial entrance." A vision test is not required if there is a statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect that the child cannot be submitted to the test because of religious convictions.

Students attending preschool, Head Start or Day Care (age prior to 59 months) are required to receive HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae - type B) and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV7 or Prevnar). Parents are urged to review these requirements and set a schedule with their pediatrician or family doctor that ensures all students will be able to start school on time.

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Valued Volunteer Program

Research evidence supports the need for parents to assume an active role in the student's learning experience in order to assure maximum achievement. It has been demonstrated in numerous studies that parents are the most important influence in a child's life, even into adolescence and early adulthood stages. The Waterford School District's Valued Volunteer Program has been designed to facilitate parent's active participation and cooperation with the schools and with other parents.

Parents who volunteer their time will gain valuable experience and tangible benefits through working in partnership with the educators of their children. Because parents are the first and most influential teachers of their children, this "first hand" demonstration of their support of our schools establishes a pattern of cooperation that will stay with the child a lifetime.

If you are interested in becoming a Valued Volunteer please contact your school's principal.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Valued Volunteer Program?

The Valued Volunteer Program is designed to facilitate parent's active participation and cooperation with our schools and with other parents. Those who volunteer their time will gain valuable experience and tangible benefits through working in partnership with the educators of their children.

Why is the Valued Volunteer Program important?

Research evidence supports the need for parents to assume an active role in their student's learning experience in order to assure maximum achievement in their education. It's been demonstrated in numerous studies that parents are the most important influence in a child's life, even into adolescence and early adulthood stages. A parent's "first-hand" demonstration of support for our schools establishes a pattern of cooperation that will stay with their child a lifetime.

Who can volunteer?

The Valued Volunteer Program is open to individuals who have a desire and interest in our children and their education, as well as an interest in our schools.

How much time do I need to devote to the Valued Volunteer Program?

Our volunteers have the flexibility to volunteer at our schools depending on their available free time. There are many opportunities and needs for volunteers that require days or evenings, one hour or several hours, one day or several days – it's up to the volunteer.

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Transportation

Buses

If your child is eligible to ride the bus you will receive notification from the transportation department as to the time and bus stop location. Bus transportation is provided to all K-5 grade students living (1) one mile or more from the school in their attendance area and to all 6-12 grade students living (1-1/2) one and one-half miles from the school in their attendance area.

The Transportation Department has developed a list of rules to be followed while riding the bus. These rules are included in the STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT and are also available for review on the Transportation page of the District web site at www.waterford.k12.mi.us. Students may lose their privilege of riding the bus if they do not behave on the bus or at the bus stop.

Walking to School

School district policy states that students should not arrive at school more than 10 minutes before classes begin. Please help your child:

- Walk on the sidewalk or the edge of the road.
- Cross with the safety patrol or crossing guard intersections, and obey their instructions.
- Not walk through the parking lot.

Emergency School Closing

When an emergency early dismissal is determined, your school will operate its telephone fan-out system to notify parents of the closing. The kindergarten teachers and office staff work closely with the fan-out volunteers to make sure that all kindergartners are dismissed to someone of their parent's choice, and that their parents are notified. It is sometime difficult to notify all parents due to busy phone lines, persons not at home, or incorrect numbers. Parents should have a contingency plan in place. Please be sure your children know where to go in case of early dismissal.

Tips for Safe School Bus Riding

The following safety tips are provided by AAA Michigan.

Waiting For The Bus:

- Arrive to the stop on time.
- Stay a safe distance from the roadway.
- Wait in a straight line.
- No pushing or horseplay.
- When the bus arrives, stay away from the wheels.
- Walk to the bus when the door is open.

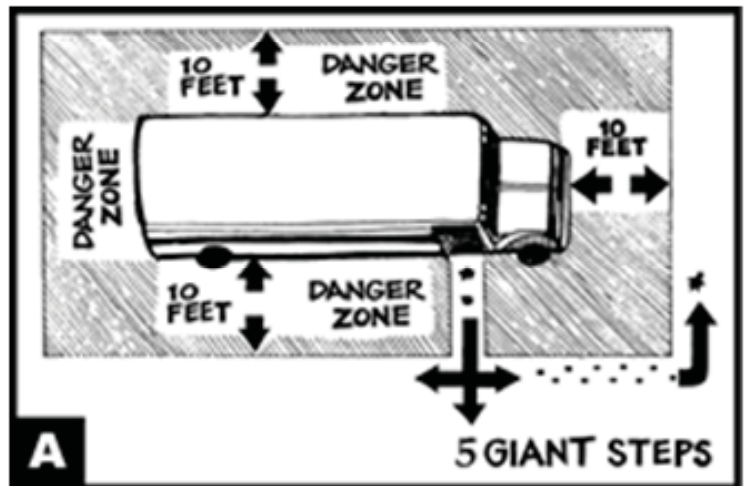
Crossing In Front Of The Bus

- Stop at the edge of the bus.
- Look right and left.
- Look at the driver for a signal to cross.
- Keep watching for traffic as you walk.

NEVER GO UNDER THE BUS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS!

Danger Zone

The Danger Zone is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of being hit. The bus driver can't see you when you are in the danger zone. Children should stay ten feet away from the bus (or as far away as they can) and never go behind it. They should take (5) five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, so they can be seen by the driver.



If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up! Go home and tell an adult, they can go back and get it. Impress upon your children to never go back to pick up dropped items near the bus, that it is not safe because they will be in the danger zone.

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Child Care Programs

A Child Care Program is offered at all 13 Waterford Elementary Schools. Before and after care is available at all sites. In addition, full-day care (6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) is offered at the Stepanski Early Childhood Center. Waterford also has a twelve-month Infant/Toddler Programs, called Dandi Lions, offering care for ages 2 1/2 weeks to three years of age. The Child Care Program provides services on all half days and during school breaks. A summer program for preschool to 12 years of age is offered at the Stepanski Early Childhood Center with age appropriate activities.

The criteria for admission includes:

- School-aged children must be enrolled in a Waterford School Program.
- The Early Child Care Program admits children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years of age who are enrolled in one of the Center's programs. Children must be toilet trained.
- Children in the Infant/Toddler Program must be 2 1/2 weeks to three years of age and their immunizations must be up to date.

<p>ADAMS 3810 Clintonville Rd Waterford 48327</p> <p>BEAUMONT 6532 Elizabeth Lk Rd. Waterford 48327</p> <p>BURT 581 S. Winding Waterford 48328</p> <p>COOLEY 2000 Highfield Waterford 48329</p> <p>DONELSON HILLS 2690 Wewoka Waterford 48328</p> <p>HAVILAND 5305 Cass Lake Road Waterford 48327</p> <p>HOUGHTON 8080 Elizabeth LK. Rd. Waterford 48326</p>	<p>248.674.6381</p> <p>248.738.4746</p> <p>248.738.4702</p> <p>248.674.6344</p> <p>248.682.2332</p> <p>248.738.4777</p> <p>248.698.0925</p>	<p>KNUDSEN 5449 Crescent Road Waterford 48327</p> <p>DANDI LIONS 5195 Pontiac Lake Rd. Waterford 48327</p> <p>RIVERSIDE 5280 Farm Rd. Waterford 48327</p> <p>SANDBURG 1355 Merry Road Waterford 48328</p> <p>SCHOOLCRAFT 6400 Maceday Lk. Rd. Waterford 48329</p> <p>STEPANSKI 6010 Hatchery Rd. Waterford 48329</p> <p>WATERFORD VILLAGE 4241 Steffens St. Waterford 48329</p>	<p>248.682.0580</p> <p>248.682.0286</p> <p>248.674.4415</p> <p>248.674.2683</p> <p>248.623.7061</p> <p>248.666.8668</p> <p>248.623.8531</p>
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Home-School Communication: Edline/Parent Portal

Are you a parent who wants to know what's going on everyday at your child's school?

With a few clicks of the mouse, information from class assignments to your child's latest exam score is available for you to view online. The Waterford School District provides parents and students two ways to access information using the internet: Edline and Parent Portal. Statistics show that students who have parents involved in their education are more likely to succeed. Edline and Parent Portal increase parental involvement and student learning.

Edline allows parents or students secure access to attendance reports, school or classroom news, school calendars, and direct links to the Library and many other sites from their personal computers. To view attendance as calculated using the District attendance policies refer to Attendance Reports in Edline.

Parent Portal allows parents secure real time access to Report Card grades, assignments with current grade status, transcripts, and current contact information you provided to the school. Actual attendance is displayed. Since Parent Portal gives access directly into the teacher's grade book, it requires a separate logon. Parents will register and create a single parent account which will allow them access to all of their child(ren)'s information.

Parents will receive activation codes during your student's school registration. Once you have your activation code, you may access Edline and Parent Portal by visiting www.waterford.k12.mi.us/edline/intro.

How to Stay Best Connected With Your Child's Teachers

Make the time! At the start the school year, make arrangements to meet with your child's teacher. This is an ideal time to share information about your child with the teacher so that he/she can best connect with your child.

Banish the blame. Take a "no fault" approach when dealing with difficult issues relating to your children. Blaming teachers or classmates only strains the relationships. Join forces with teachers to reach a common goal; helping your children to overcome difficulties and find success.

Drop a line! Any time is a good time to drop your child's teacher a note. Do you have a question about homework? Is your child upset about something that happened at home? Were you really impressed by a project that your child has been working on? Take a moment and write a note to the teacher.

It's your call. Call your child's teacher for a particular reason or for no reason at all. Teachers appreciate hearing from you.

Waterford School District

SCHOOLS & SUPPORT SERVICES

Kurzman Administration Services		Waterford Village Elementary	623.1091	Community Education	706.4867
Crary Campus		4241 Steffens		501 N. Cass Lake Road	
501 N. Cass Lake Road	682.7800	8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.			
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.					
Elementary Schools		Middle Schools		Elementary Education	706.4864
Adams Elementary		Mason Middle School	674.2281	501 N. Cass Lake Road	
3810 Clintonville Road		South Campus		Food and Nutrition Services	682.0394
9:10 a.m. - 4:01 p.m.		3835 West Walton		501 N. Cass Lake Road	
		8:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.			
Beaumont Elementary		Mason Middle School	674.0200	Personnel	706.4873
6532 Elizabeth Lake Road		North Campus		501 N. Cass Lake Road	
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		3800 West Walton		Pool & Fitness Centers	
		8:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.		Kettering Campus	673.9969
Burt Elementary		Pierce Middle School	674.0331	Mott Campus	674.6360
581 South Winding		5145 Hatchery		Central Enrollment	681.2076
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		8:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.		1150 Scott Lake Road	
Cooley Elementary		High Schools		Secondary Education	706.4866
2000 Highfield		Kettering High School	673.1261	501 N. Cass Lake Road	
9:10 a.m. - 4:01 p.m.		2800 Kettering Drive		School/Community Services	706.4868
Donelson Hills Elementary		7:25 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.		501 N. Cass Lake Road	
2690 Wewoka		Mott High School	674.4134	Student Support Services	682.3242
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		1151 Scott Lake Road		1150 Scott Lake Road	
Haviland Elementary		7:25 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.		Transportation	674.2692
5305 Cass Lake Road		Waterford Alternative H.S.	674.3145	4585 Pontiac Lake Road	
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		Crary Campus		Warehouse	674.3193
Houghton Elementary		501 N. Cass Lake Road		1145 Tee Cee Drive	
8080 Elizabeth Lake Road		7:25 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.		Waterford Senior Center	682.9450
9:10 a.m. - 4:01 p.m.		Specialized Schools		3621 Pontiac Lake Road	
Knudsen Elementary		Children's Village	858.5491		
5449 Crescent		1200 N. Telegraph			
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		8:15 a.m. - 3:12 p.m.			
Riverside Elementary		Kingsley Montgomery	623.9660		
5280 Farm		4265 Halkirk			
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		7:58 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.			
Sandburg Elementary		Support Services			
1355 Merry		Adult Education	682.1088		
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		501 N. Cass Lake Road			
Schoolcraft Elementary		Business Services	682.0558		
6400 Maceday		501 N. Cass Lake Road			
8:35 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.		Child Care Services	738.4794		
Stepanski Center		3621 Pontiac Lake Road			
6010 Hatchery					

Waterford School District SCHOOLS & SUPPORT SERVICES MAP

