Southfield Public Schools – An Overview

Southfield Public Schools cultivates a continuously improving, collaborative, safe, supportive and high-quality, student-centered learning experience. For more than 70 years, Southfield Public Schools has offered a wide range of exceptional programs to meet the needs of students from preschool to 12th grade and beyond.

The district, operating 13 schools and centers, serves nearly 6,000 children in the cities of Southfield and Lathrup Village. Preparing innovative learners for a global society, Southfield Public Schools is one of 28 public school districts in Oakland County.

Adler Elementary
19100 Filmore Street, Southfield 48075
(248) 746-8870

Adler Elementary is a part of the NASA Explorer School Program, educating young students through hands-on and varied learning experiences in astronomy and space concepts. The school features a planetarium, run by Southfield Parks and Recreation, so students can explore astronomy interactively.

Advanced Placement prep students and student council work diligently to provide service to the community in a variety of ways.

McIntyre Elementary
19600 Saratoga Boulevard, Southfield 48076
(248) 746-8870

McIntyre Elementary features a leadership program based on Dr. Stephen R. Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People,” which is integrated into the school’s core curriculum and everyday culture. This program provides students with the tools to be successful leaders – now and in the future.

The Michigan Department of Education has designated McIntyre Elementary as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School based on its excellence in leadership, teaching, student achievement, parent involvement, community support and curriculum.
Stevenson Elementary is a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School with a curriculum that involves an emphasis on reading and writing in all core content areas. An AP Prep program is offered for advanced learners. Stevenson hosts multiple family events each year, including a science fair where each student creates an experiment to put on display. The elementary school also places a heavy emphasis on community service, with several student-led service projects taking place each year. Stevenson features a Bully-Free and Positive Behavior Intervention Program, as well as a Buddy Program where upper-grade students mentor lower-grade students.

Levey Middle School incorporates the STEAM program (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) in partnership with DAPCEP and the National Society of Black Engineers. The school also offers a visual and performing arts program for students who are more artistic and/or creative thinkers. Levey boasts an award-winning honors choir and exclusive marching band that has attended music festivals and competitions across the nation, winning many trophies over the years.

Vandenberg World Cultures Academy is a bilingual magnet elementary school for all children whose families speak a language other than English at home. Vandenberg celebrates individual learning styles and cultural diversity, reflected by the various countries represented. The students and staff speak more than 30 languages. Vandenberg follows the rigorous, comprehensive Michigan Curriculum Framework layered with a global perspective to help students view themselves as world citizens.

Birney K-8 School is college-prep, offering visual and performing arts programs with state-of-the-art studios. Students can receive a wide range of experiences in band, dance, orchestra and vocal music. Academically advanced students have opportunities for honors programs and membership in National Honor Society. Performing arts students have the opportunity to participate in various competitions, lectures, and performances.
MacArthur K-8 University Academy
19301 W. 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village 48076
(248) 746-8590

MacArthur K-8 University Academy is a college-prep school that creates well-rounded learners. Students receive high-quality, challenging learning experiences, which include K-8 Spanish classes, Advanced Placement prep courses and after-school enrichment. MacArthur is well known for its strong curriculum emphasizing math, science, technology, arts and leadership. The school’s mission is to engage students in high-quality learning experiences, teach students personal and civic responsibility, and inspire students to be enthusiastic and independent learners.

Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology
24675 Lahser Road, Southfield 48033
(248) 746-8600

Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology is an International Baccalaureate World School. Scholars have an opportunity to immerse themselves in academic rigor, through the state’s standards, IB coursework and Advanced Placement, while exploring career pathways that provide hands-on experiences, technical, and vocational certifications to prepare them for the global marketplace.

Thompson K-8 International Academy
16300 Lincoln Drive, Southfield 48076
(248) 746-7400

Thompson K-8 International Academy is an accredited International Baccalaureate Programme. All students are exposed to the Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme. IB students are open-minded, critical thinkers who appreciate differences and analyze the world through multiple lenses. Students are taught how to think not what to think. They are engaged in activities that extend their knowledge and encourage them to seek answers to their own questions. Thompson students are given the opportunity to apply the knowledge they learn in a manner that pushes them to problem solve and allows them to understand the global implication all their choices, in their local community and the world. Thompson is proud of their award-winning communications program that allows students to develop their verbal and nonverbal communication skills which develops outstanding public speakers.

University Middle School Academy (UMSA)
University High School Academy (UHSA)
19301 W. 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village 48076
(248) 746-4370

The “U” is an all-college preparatory examination public high school with a smaller, private school feel. Recognized as a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone and Official Pre-AP School, students have the opportunity to earn an AP Capstone Diploma or Certificate and to engage in classes designed to increase success on AP examinations and in college.

As a part of the rigorous college-prep curriculum, students take honors and AP courses while also participating in college readiness seminars and exceptional field experiences. Since 2013, UHSA has been ranked as one of the “Best Schools in America” by U.S. News & World Report. The “U” also ranks, by geography, first in the state of Michigan for college attendance by Bridge Magazine.

The University Middle School Academy is a challenging, high school preparatory program for 6th through 8th-grade students. Students are challenged to think critically and take accelerated math courses. Along with the high school students, UMSA students may participate in international educational tours, leadership seminars and fine arts courses, including dance and music.
Southfield Regional Academic Campus is the alternative high school for Southfield Public Schools preparing students in grades 9-12 for graduating on time.

Students who attend Southfield Regional have the unique opportunity to complete recovery courses and also have the ability to earn extra credit hours more than a traditional high school provides on site. Additionally, students are able to enroll at Oakland Community College where they can get a jump start on college courses. Since Southfield Regional Academic Campus has an alternative learning environment available to the student body, our students have received multiple awards at competitions such as the Cobo Hall Science Fair Competition, the No Child Hungry Art Competition and the Inside Out Project. They have also been selected to take part in programs such as the Ford PAS Study Abroad Program.

The ASPIRE Leadership Academy is an alternative middle school program designed for skill set development. The program provides instruction in a small school setting where teachers meet the students’ individual needs.

Kennedy Learning Center provides extensive educational services for students, ages three to 26 years old, in a nurturing and supportive learning environment. The school is open for instruction year-round, and students receive support based on their Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

The staff is committed to providing high-quality classroom instruction along with community-based work experiences that support student growth. Best practices are implemented along with the curriculum to ensure alignment with state and national standards as students are equipped with life-long skills.

The center works in collaboration with parents and community agencies that will allow the students to achieve positive outcomes for a healthy and meaningful life.

Bussey Early Childhood Center offers a variety of free programs for children ages newborn-6. Bussey is accredited by the National Association for the Education of the Young Child and the internationally renowned HighScope curriculum. Bussey offers HeadStart services for children and families as well as GreatStart.

Bussey’s curriculum is designed to prepare children for Southfield Public Schools’ kindergarten curriculum. The center has more than 60 community partners that help to provide resources for children and families.