

RAVENNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Planted in Promise, Growing in Pride

Ravenna Public Schools is a progressive community that values young people. The entire community strives to meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of its children. Our core curriculum and 1:1 technology initiative continue to put our students “One Step Ahead” of those at other schools. We are proud of our rich athletic tradition as well. As a member of the West Michigan Conference, our teams regularly compete for district, regional, and state championships offering 15 varsity sports. In addition, eight of these programs are offered at the junior varsity level. Our community is small in size, but the citizens, in concert with the schools, have made a commitment to meet the needs of all students.



2014 - 2015 Statistics

Enrollment:

Elementary: 397
 Middle School: 331
 High School: 347
Total: 1,075

Percentage of graduates: 95%

Graduates who further their education: 68%

Years of Operation: 166

Average Class Size:

Elementary:25
 Middle School:26
 High School:24

Average Teacher Seniority: 14 years

Certified Teachers: 100%

Teachers with Masters Degrees: 64%

Guidance: 2 Social Workers, 1 Counselor,
 1 School Psychologist

Innovative & Proven Instructional Programs

Before & Beyond K-12:

Head Start and Preschool Programs
 Early Childhood Development Center
 Early Childhood Special Education

Elementary:

1:1 Technology Initiative
 All-Day/Everyday Kindergarten
 Accelerated Reader/Star Reader/Star Math
 Afterschool Tutoring and Classroom Book Bags
 Art, Computers, Health, Music, and Physical Education
 Assistive Technology for Special Education
 Be Nice Initiative
 Destination Imagination
 Inclusion for Students with Special Needs
 MAPs Testing
 Parent Club and Family Nights
 Peacekeepers Program
 Positive Behavior Support (PBS) & DIBLES Testing
 National Anthem Program
 Science Olympiad
 Unification Groups
 Writing Across the Curriculum & All School Writes

Middle & High School:

1:1 Technology Initiative
 9th Grade Orientation Program
 Accelerated Reader (MS)
 Afterschool Tutoring
 Band (MS/HS), Business Leadership Course
 Be Nice Initiative
 Career and Technical Education (Countywide Center)
 Citizenship Recognition
 Computer Tech Classes
 Curriculum Related Study Trips
 Data Driven Decision Making
 Early College (HS)
 E2020 Credit Recovery (HS)
 Explore/PLAN Test
 FFA (HS), GENNET Online Courses (HS)
 Homework Club
 Honor Roll Recognition (MS & HS)
 Inclusion for Students with Special Needs
 Job Shadowing
 MAPs Testing
 Mentor Program
 Senior Exit Portfolios
 Study Trips
 Tutoring Program Involving Elementary Students (HS)

Facilities

Ravenna Public Schools prides itself on its attractive campuses. Due to a recent bond project, the district has completed a new middle school, early childhood center, and athletic complex as well as an upgrade to the high school and elementary buildings. The district is made up of three schools: Beechnau Elementary, which houses preschool through 4th grade, the middle school is home to grades 5th through 8th, and the high school hosts 9th through 12th grade students.

Career Education

Career Fairs (Grade 8 and High School)
Career Pathways (Grades K - 12)
Career Tech Center (Grades 11 - 12)
Electronic Educational Development Plans

Athletics

Athletics: Ravenna Public Schools is proud to have a rich athletic tradition. We have teams who have won numerous invitational tourneys as well as district tournaments and regional tournaments. Ravenna is a member of the highly competitive and most stable athletic conference in the state, the West Michigan Conference. Teams from our conference regularly compete for district, regional, and state championships. The Ravenna athletic program also has the distinct privilege of being able to practice and participate in some of the finest facilities available. All outdoor facilities were newly constructed or renovated in the last 4 years. Our indoor facilities are modern and well-maintained. The Athletic Department offers 15 varsity sports: football, volleyball, B&G cross country, boys' soccer, wrestling, competitive cheer, girls basketball, boys' basketball, bowling, G&B track, baseball, softball, boys' golf, and girls' soccer. Eight of these programs also offer participation at the junior varsity level.

Safety

Ravenna Public Schools maintains a safe and nurturing learning environment. We offer:

- Citation Free Bus Fleet
- Crisis Response Team
- Kindergarten Safety Day
- Nonessential exterior doors locked
- Participation in countywide Homeland Security Plan
- Security System in all Buildings
- School Nurse
- Staff and student identification tags
- Student handbooks
- Visitor check-in policy

Technology

Elementary: One computer lab, 2 mini labs

Middle School: Two computer labs

High School: Four computer labs

A district with a One-to-One Initiative that puts Ravenna Public Schools "One Step Ahead." K - 3 have iPad centers in each classroom. All 4th and 6th grade students utilize iPads and all 7th - 12th graders have been issued MacBooks. In addition, each district classroom is equipped with a teaching podium. The podium includes a connection for the teacher's laptop, a Digital Video Recorder (DVR), microphone, overhead speakers, and document camera. All these devices are connected to a wide screen digital projector. We have a district-wide internal wireless network for guest, student, and faculty use. All RPS networks access the Shoreline Fiber Network which provides Internet access, the PowerSchool Student Information System (allows parents to see grades online), and VOIP telephone service.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Elementary

Cub Scouts/Girl Scouts
Community Opportunities for:
 Rocket Football & Cheerleading, Little League,
 Boys Basketball, Girls Softball, Soccer, and Wrestling
Destination Imagination
Field Day, Girls On The Run®
Good News Club
March is Reading Month Activities
Peace Garden
Peace Keepers (Grades 1 - 4)
Principal Pals (K)
Science Olympics (Grades 2 - 4)
Summer Program for Gifted Students (WINGS)

Middle School & High School

Activity Nights (MS) and Dances (HS)
Art Club
BPA (HS)
Choir Concerts (HS) and Drama Club (HS)
Career Day (HS) and Law Day (MS)
Destination Imagination
FFA (HS)
Field Day
Math Counts (MS)
PRIDE
Science Olympiad (HS) and Science Camps (MS)
National Honor Society (HS) School Yearbook (HS)
Sport Camps and Summer Fun Career Camp
Student Council
Talent Show (MS) and Showcase (HS)



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We take great pride in our school. Please call to schedule a tour of our facilities.