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Greetings from Southfield Public Schools

We are excited to begin the 2017-18 school year! As a school district, our emphasis this year will be on developing and growing collaborative relationships with and among all of our stakeholders to educate our children. Within and among schools, it is essential that we work diligently to cultivate collaborative relationships with our teachers, staff, administrators, and Board of Trustees.

Reaching outside the confines of the district, our primary partner is our parents and guardians, who are the first and most important teachers in the lives of their children. We will seek to work hand-in-glove with our parents to grow and develop each child so that they will realize the promise of a positive future. Finally, it is our intent to partner with the many and varied stakeholders (businesses, churches, city governments, civic organizations, sororities, and fraternities) in the greater Southfield and Lathrup Village communities, where the school district will work to be a good civic partner and become good stewards of the many resources that are at our fingertips. In sum, the Southfield Public Schools is looking forward working alongside each and every one of you to make the present and future of each our students more bright!

Be well,

Derrick L. Lopez, J.D.
Interim Superintendent, Southfield Public Schools

School Calendar 2017-18

2017

August 28	All Students Report - Full Day - First Day of School
September 1-4	Labor Day Recess - No School
September 27	Half (1/2) Day AM
October 25	Half (1/2) Day AM
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
November 29	Half (1/2) Day AM
December 22	Winter Recess - End of School Day

2018

January 8	Classes Resume
January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 17-19	High School Exams - Half (1/2) Day AM High School Students Only
January 22	Records Day – No Students
January 23	Second Semester Begins
January 31	Half (1/2) Day AM
February 16	Mid-Winter Recess - End of School Day
February 26	Classes Resume
February 28	Half (1/2) Day AM
March 28	Half (1/2) Day AM
March 29	Spring Recess – End of School Day
April 9	Classes Resume
April 10-11	State Testing: 9th, 10th, 11th Grade Only Pre-K-8 in Attendance
April 25	Half (1/2) Day AM
May 25-28	Memorial Day Recess – No School
May 30	Half (1/2) Day AM
June 13-15	High School Final Exams: Half (1/2) Day AM High School Students Only
June 15	Half (1/2) Day – Last Day For All Students
June 18	Records Day - No Students

Report Card Dates Viewable in MIStar Parent Connect

ALL GRADES K-12	SOUTHFIELD REGIONAL ACADEMIC CAMPUS
November 7, 2017	November 30, 2017
January 26, 2018	March 19, 2018
April 17, 2018	June 19, 2018
June 19, 2018	

***If you have not updated your information in MI-STAR, please contact your school's main office**

2017-18 Start and Dismissal Times

Tiers	School	Full Day Start Time	Full Day Dismissal Time	Half Day Start Time	Half Day Dismissal Time
Tier 1	Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology Southfield Regional Academic Campus	7:20 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	7:20 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
	University High School Academy/UPREP	7:50 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	7:50 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
	Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	N/A	N/A
Tier 2	Adler Elementary McIntyre Elementary Stevenson Elementary Vandenberg World Cultures Academy	8:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Tier 3	Birney K-8 School Levey Middle School Thompson K-8 International Academy	8:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:45 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
	MacArthur K-8 University Academy	8:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:45 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
	Kennedy Learning Center	8:45 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	N/A	N/A

Parents: Stay in the Know!

Parents stay informed during the 2017-18 school year with SchoolMessenger. The system allows you to receive news, announcements and updates on email or your phone. To receive text messages, you must text "YES" or "Y" to 68453. You may text "STOP" to the same number at any time to opt out. Remember to update your contact information in MISTAR online or in the school office. Data rates may apply.

Wolverine Scholars Program Offered to SPS Students

The University of Michigan Wolverine Pathways program is a free, year-round program that partners with the families, schools, and communities of Detroit, Southfield, and Ypsilanti. This partnership provides learning experiences that will help students succeed in school, college and future careers.

All Wolverine Scholars who successfully complete the program and apply to the University of Michigan and are admitted will receive a full, four-year tuition scholarship.

Please visit **wolverinepathways.umich.edu** for more information.

SPS Notices of Non-Discrimination

Southfield Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, or any other legally protected characteristic, in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities.

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Serving the Communities of
Southfield & Lathrup Village

Elementary Schools

ADLER ELEMENTARY

19100 Filmore St, Southfield 48075
(248) 746-8870
Alma Deane, Principal

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.

Adler is proud to be a National Elementary Honor Society Charter Member. Their Academic Games teams are state champions and they have won more than 100 awards in various competitions.

- Adler Dad's Program
- Alpha Phi Alpha Mentoring
- AP Prep Program
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Chess Club
- Delta Sigma Theta Tutoring
- Girl Scouts Program
- Karate
- National Elementary Honors Society

MCINTYRE ELEMENTARY

19600 Saratoga Blvd, Southfield 48076
(248) 746-7365
Kimberly Beckwith, Principal

McIntyre Elementary School 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 language. 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 its curriculum.

- Art Club
- AP Program
- Coding Club
- Girls on the Run
- Leadership Safety Club
- Lighthouse Club
- Making a Difference Club
- Technology Club
- Traveling Glee Club
- Young Astronauts

STEVENSON ELEMENTARY

24675 Lahser Rd, Southfield 48033
(248) 746-8840
Sandra Laperriere, Principal

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 and an AP Prep Program is offered for advanced learners. Stevenson hosts multiple events each year including the Young Authors program where each student publishes their own book.

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.

- AP Prep
- After School Basketball
- Battle of the Books
- Boy Scouts
- Cartooning Club
- Doll Making Club
- MFCU Banking Program
- Reading Buddies
- Recorder Club
- Recycling Club
- Safety Squad
- Service Squad
- Student Council Club
- Support (PBIS) Officers

VANDENBERG WORLD CULTURES ACADEMY

16100 Edwards Ave, Southfield 48076
(248) 746-7377
Michael Griffin, Principal

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, which is reflected through the 31 countries represented and 31 languages spoken by its students and staff.

Vandenberg follows the rigorous, comprehensive Michigan Curriculum Framework layered with a global perspective to help students view themselves as world citizens.

- AP Prep
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Dads Club
- Math Club
- MFCU Banking Program
- Multicultural Program
- Orchestra
- Recycling
- Science Club
- Service Squad
- Sports Club
- Video Tech Club
- Young Authors

K-8 and Middle Schools

BIRNEY K-8 SCHOOL

27225 Evergreen Rd, Southfield 48076
(248) 746-8800
Edward Hill, Principal
Monica Eason, Assistant Principal

Birney K-8 School offers extensive learning opportunities, career-focused field trips and guest lecturers who facilitate its academic programs. It features an Advanced Preparatory Program for 1st-8th grade students and a Junior National Honors Society. Students here can apply for and test into the University Middle School Academy's accelerated program.

Birney boasts outstanding visual and performing arts programs, along with an award-winning choir and band. Students have the opportunity to learn a foreign language.

- Basketball
- Bobcat Yearbook
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- Elementary Service Squad
- Girls on the Run Mentoring
- Green School
- Learning Lunch
- MFCU Banking Program
- Orchestra
- Pretty Brown Girls
- Recycling
- Student Leadership Council
- Student Network Leadership
- Track
- Volleyball
- Young Astronauts
- Z-Club Female Mentoring

LEVEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

25300 W. Nine Mile Rd, Southfield 48033
(248) 746-8740
Sonia Jackson, Principal
Frank Czapski, Assistant Principal

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 and has won 26 trophies over the past five years.

- Beta Club
- Cheerleading
- Dramatics
- Honors Choir
- Jazz Band
- Marching Band
- National Society of Black Engineers Jr.
- Orchestra
- Robotics Club
- STEM Genius

MACARTHUR K-8 UNIVERSITY ACADEMY

19301 W. 12 Mile Rd, Lathrup Village 48076
(248) 746-8590
Zerrick Lake, Principal
Angela Taylor-Gloster, Assistant Principal

MacArthur K-8 University Academy is a college-prep school that creates well-rounded learners. Most 8th graders matriculate to University High School Academy. Students receive high-quality, challenging learning experiences which include K-8 Spanish classes, AP prep courses, differentiated lessons and after-school enrichment. Students also have multiple opportunities to assume leadership roles.

MacArthur Primary and Early Education Center offers a vigorous, advanced curriculum that introduces young learners to advanced concepts in reading, math, science and social studies.

- Beta Club
- Battle of the Books
- Choir (6-8)
- Detroit Lions Football Clinic
- Fuel Up to Play 60
- Girls and Boys Basketball
- G.I.R.L.S. Mentoring
- Jazz Band
- Mac News
- M and M Mentoring Club
- MFCU Banking Program
- Pretty Brown Girls
- Reading Buddies
- Recycling Club
- Yearbook
- Young Men with Purpose Mentoring
- Student Council
- Z-Club

THOMPSON K-8 INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

16300 Lincoln Dr, Southfield 48076
(248) 746-7400
Paula Lightsey, Principal
Vernon Burden, Assistant Principal

Thompson K-8 International Academy's premier International Baccalaureate Programme creates open-minded students who appreciate differences and analyze the world through multiple lenses. Students are taught how to think not what to think and are engaged in activities that extend their thinking and encourages 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 better.

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.

- Art Club
- Battle of the Books
- Basketball Team
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- Cultural Club
- Craft Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Cycle Squad
- Fut Ball
- Honors Choir
- Jr. Beta Club
- Jr. Debate Team
- Learning Lunch
- Legos Club
- Pretty Brown Girls
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Track and Field
- Voices of Tomorrow
- Volleyball Team
- Yearbook

High Schools & 8th Grade Academies

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

24675 Lahser Rd, Southfield 48033
(248) 746-8600
DeeAnn Lacy, Principal
George Chapp, Assistant Principal
Jeffrey Kenward, Assistant Principal
Michelle Starks, Assistant Principal

Southfield High School for the Arts and Technology is a comprehensive high school that offers four career-focused academies: Arts & Communication, Engineering, Global Business and Medical & Natural Sciences. The high school also boasts award-winning music and journalism programs, as well as the student-run WSHJ 88.3 radio station and is home to SPS TV 16.

Students here also have the opportunity to get a head start on earning college credits through Advanced Placement courses, the International Baccalaureate Programme and dual enrollment at University of Michigan-Dearborn, Wayne State University and Oakland Community College.

- Advance Engineering Group
- Alternative Energy Group
- Arts & Crafts Club
- Band
- Business Professionals of America
- Choir
- Dance
- DECA
- Drama Club
- Engineering-Vehicle Design Team
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- FIRST Robotics Team
- MAN-UP
- MREACH
- National Honor Society
- Orchestra
- Poetry Club
- Project Manhood
- Project Woman
- Social Circle
- Southfield Times Newspaper
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Tech Crew Audio/Visual
- WSHJ 88.3 Radio Station
- Yearbook

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

19301 W. 12 Mile Rd, Lathrup Village 48076
(248) 746-4370
Marcia Williams, Dean
Harry Patton, Assistant Dean

The "U" is an all college-prep, STEAM^2, examination public high school with a smaller, private school feel. Recognized as a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone School, students have the opportunity to earn a AP Capstone Diploma or Certificate.

As part of the rigorous college-prep curriculum, all UHSA students take honors and AP courses while also participating in international educational tours, leadership seminars and exceptional field experiences. The "U" was named on *Newsweek*'s list of "Best Schools in America" the past four years.

University Preparatory Academy or "UPREP" is a challenging, college-prep transition program for 8th grade students. Along with high school students, UPREP students also have the opportunity to participate in international educational tours.

- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Audio/Visual Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Class Board
- Dean's Directorate
- Debate Team
- Drama Club
- Fashion Club
- Green Club
- Jazz Band
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- National Society of Black Engineers Jr.
- Newspaper
- Robotics Club
- Peers Making Peace
- Spanish Club
- Student Congress
- United for Christ
- Yearbook
- Young L.A.D.I.E.S.
- Z-Club

Preschools & Centers

SOUTHFIELD REGIONAL ACADEMIC CAMPUS

21705 Evergreen Rd, Southfield 48075
(248) 746-7200
Dwayne Eason, Principal

Southfield Regional Academic Campus is the alternative high school for Southfield Public Schools preparing students in grades 9-12 for on-time graduation.

Students who attend Southfield Regional have the unique opportunity to complete recovery credits and 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 their 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.

ASPIRE Leadership Academy is a challenging transitional program with smaller class sizes for 7th and 8th grade students.

- MAEO Stars
- Mind Your Own Business
- National Society for Black Engineers
- Project Woman
- Project Manhood
- Women of Tomorrow

BUSSEY CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

24501 Fredrick St, Southfield 48033
(248) 746-7350
Janice Hill, Director

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.

KENNEDY LEARNING CENTER

16299 Mt. Vernon St, Southfield 48075
(248) 746-4360
Tonya Hickman, Supervisor

Kennedy Learning Center provides extensive educational services 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).

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

We work in collaboration with parents and community agencies that will allow our students to achieve positive outcomes for a healthy and meaningful life.