



BUCK BULLETIN

2025 - 2026

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SCHOOL NORMAL HOURS

Buchanan High School	7:40 am - 2:40 pm
Buchanan Middle School	7:30 am - 2:25 pm
Moccasin Elementary School	8:45 am - 3:48 pm
Ottawa Elementary School	8:40 am - 3:43 pm

SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAY INFORMATION

When it becomes necessary to close schools, school officials will contact local radio and television stations. Parents should not call their child's school. Parents will also be notified by our instant alert system. Please make sure your child's school has current phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

2-HOUR DELAY PROCEDURE

Students should be at bus stops two hours later than their regular time. Please allow 10 minutes on either side due to conditions. Walkers should not arrive at school more than 10 minutes before classes begin. No AM ECSE classes. Afternoon ECSE classes as usual. NO breakfast will be served. Lunch will be as usual. No high school AM shared-time programs.

2-HOUR DELAY START TIMES

Buchanan High School	9:40 am
Buchanan Middle School	9:30 am
Moccasin Elementary School	10:45 am
Ottawa Elementary School	10:40 am

If the reasons for the delay do not improve, school may be canceled. Parents should monitor the local stations carefully for any change in delay status. Please do not call the schools.

WACKY WEDNESDAY - EARLY RELEASE HOURS

Buchanan High School	7:40 am - 2:07 pm
Buchanan Middle School	7:30 am - 1:55 pm
Moccasin Elementary School	8:45 am - 3:15 pm
Ottawa Elementary School	8:40 am - 3:10 pm



Wednesdays are ALWAYS an early release day!
(Unless a half-day or no school)

HALF DAY HOURS

Buchanan High School	7:40 am - 11:00 am
Buchanan Middle School	7:30 am - 10:50 am
Moccasin Elementary School	8:45 am - 12:10 pm
Ottawa Elementary School	8:40 am - 12:05 pm



Dear Buck Families,

Welcome Back to School!

We are excited and honored to begin the 2025-2026 school year with you. Summer recess is never long enough but we hope you were able to take advantage of the beautiful summers Michigan brings. We take great pride in providing an excellent educational environment for your children, where they are supported and equipped with the tools to become academically focused and ready for high levels of achievement.

Over the past three years, our district has focused on providing evidence-based curriculum programs to create meaningful learning outcomes for all students. This year, our middle and high school students will have access to updated materials and tools for our science curriculum. Our teachers will have the necessary materials to develop engaging lessons and learning experiences that will inspire inquiry, ready students for research, and advance their academic success.

As you visit our buildings, you will see windows with special coverings. These coverings serve more than just providing a nice look, but also as a security measure. This standard for window coverings will provide another level of safety for our students and staff. This was a recommendation from a recent safety audit. Our district is committed to providing a safe environment, and the audit focuses our attention on pertinent security measures.

Buchanan Community Schools is launching a new strategic planning process to guide our work from 2026 to 2031. This is an important moment for our district—a chance to reflect on our progress, dream boldly for the future, and ensure our goals reflect the voices of everyone in our community.

One key part of this process is hearing from you. We have been engaged in targeted stakeholder feedback sessions with students, parents and staff from each of our buildings and as we prepare to engage in this work, we're inviting all students, families, staff, and community members to take a few minutes to complete our Strategic Planning Survey. Your feedback will help us understand what's working well, where we can grow, and what priorities matter most to the people we serve.

The survey is anonymous and will remain open through August 29, 2025. It is available in English and Spanish. If you prefer to complete a paper copy, you may pick one up by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 269-695-8401. Our consultant will make sure all responses are counted and included in the final results.

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This planning process is about more than setting goals—it's about listening, learning, and building a shared vision for the future of Buchanan. Thank you in advance for lending your voice and helping us shape a plan that reflects our community's values and aspirations.



We have planned a great year for you and your family with focused academics and sharing Buchanan Community Schools' traditions that bring us all together. Thank you for being our partner, and we look forward to an exciting year.

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson
Superintendent



EXPAND *Your Horizons!*



EVERY STUDENT WHO GRADUATES FROM
BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND
LIVES IN THE DISTRICT QUALIFIES FOR
UP TO \$15,000 FOR
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION!



Buchanan[®] Community Schools

District Highlights

- BCS is one of a handful of districts in Michigan that owns and operates a school farm! Elementary students participate in hands-on science activities throughout the year.
- Buchanan operates a quality special education program in all four schools!
- Free Great Start Readiness Preschool Program is available to eligible preschool-aged students in a nurturing, caring, and supportive environment.
- All kindergarten students participate in the "All Kids Bike" Program that teaches students to ride a bike in gym class!
- Buchanan High School offers a diverse array of Career Technical Education programs that provide students with the opportunity to learn real-world skills leading to certificates, licenses, and college credits in a variety of career pathways.
- BHS has approved College Board AP classes and access to the Berrien RESA Math & Science Center, Lake Michigan Early College, and Southwestern Michigan College Dual Enrollment.
- Buchanan Schools are committed to fostering a culture that provides opportunities in academics, athletics, fine arts, and other activities to develop well rounded students.

OUR VISION IS
TO DEVELOP
RESPONSIBLE,
RESILIENT,
CREATIVE
CITIZENS
CAPABLE OF
SUCCEEDING IN
A GLOBAL
SOCIETY.

Come join our BUCK team!

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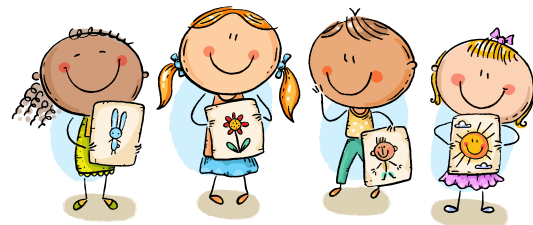
First Day of School
Monday,
August 25, 2025



BUCHANAN PRESCHOOL



Great Start
Readiness Program
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program



Buchanan Community Schools offers a free preschool program for eligible students that are four years of age. GSRP is a Michigan state-funded preschool program. Our program provides preschoolers with the best educational opportunities through a hands-on curriculum in a rich learning environment created through our certified staff, families, and community.

All applications for public school preschool opportunities in Berrien County will continue to be monitored by Berrien RESA. The Buchanan preschool programs are licensed through Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Bureau of Community and Health Systems, and the Child Licensing Division.

ELIGIBILITY

Preschoolers must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2025 to qualify.



PRESCHOOL HOME VISITS

This is a mandatory State of Michigan requirement for our program. It is also a great opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's teacher and teacher assistant before school begins.

BUCHANAN GSRP PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Our preschool program begins later than our K-12 students and will go through the end of the school year. Preschool classes begin on Tuesday, September 9th.

Sessions will meet Monday through Thursday, 8:40am - 3:43pm.

Preschool classes will not meet on Fridays.

Questions?

Please call Ottawa Elementary School at 269-695-8409 if you have questions regarding our GSRP preschool program.



Elizabeth Johnson
Administrative
Assistant



Stacey Denison
Principal

If your phone number, mailing address, or child care provider has changed since you registered for preschool, please call the Ottawa office to update your information.

OTTAWA ELEMENTARY

109 Ottawa Street (269) 695-8409 Grades Pre-K - 1

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Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Ottawa Elementary!

Each day, our dedicated team prioritizes the safety and academic success of your Little Bucks - because our students are at the heart of everything we do. We're honored to partner with such a supportive and caring community, and we're ready to kick off another fantastic school year guided by the *Buck 3: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe.*

OTTAWA hours

Regular School Day: Preschool - 1st Grade

Monday-Friday, 8:40 am - 3:43 pm

(GSRP Preschool classes will not meet on Fridays)

AM ECSE Classes: 8:40 am - 11:50 am

(Monday-Thursday, some Fridays for ECSE)

PM ECSE Classes: 12:25 pm - 3:43 pm

(Monday-Thursday, some Fridays for ECSE)

Wacky Wednesdays: 8:40 am - 3:10 pm

Half Days: 8:40 am - 12:05 pm

(No ECSE classes on half days)



BACK TO SCHOOL Open House Events



ECSE, Kindergarten & First Grade Students:
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 from 5:30-6:30 pm

GSRP Preschool Students:
Monday, September 8, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 pm

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

All Ottawa staff members will be able to assist your child with any problem if they know their full name. ***Be sure your child's backpack always has the school-issued ID tag and they are able to communicate their first and last name.***

- Any adult picking up children must be listed by the parent as the child's emergency contacts.
 - All doors lock when the tardy bell rings at 8:40 am and remain locked until the 3:43 pm dismissal. Please go to the front door and ring the doorbell to the right of the doors to enter after 8:40 am.
- Students must be signed in by an adult after 8:40 am.**

Our safety procedures for adult to adult transfers of children at the beginning and end of day takes a little extra time, but keeping children safe is a priority. Please read carefully and adhere to these procedures for the safety of our staff, students and families.

School hours are 8:40-3:43. First bell rings at 8:35 am.

- Staff will be available to supervise students beginning at 8:10 am.
- Adults will not be able to enter the building with children past the front office doors. You may walk your child to the front doors or drop off in the north parking lot through the car line.
- Kindergarten and first graders will enter the building and report directly to their designated areas with adult supervision. Staff will be throughout the building to assist students once inside. If they are needing breakfast, they will report to the cafeteria.
- Be sure your child arrives at school by 8:35 am to avoid being marked tardy after 8:40 am.
- Breakfast begins at 8:10 am. **If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, they should arrive no later than 8:20 am.** Preschool students are served breakfast within their classrooms.

CAR RIDERS

When dropping off or picking up your child in a vehicle you must use the north parking lot car line staffed by adults. There will be no drop-offs or pick-ups in front of the school on either side of Ottawa Street or in the south parking lot blocking the posted fire lane. To get in the car line drive down 3rd Street towards the school. Sometimes the line may back up into Ottawa Court, ***please do not block residents' driveways.*** We use hang tags. These will be available at the Open House. *If you are a returning family and have a tag from last year, you will not need a new tag, adjust the grade on the tag.

WALKERS

Walkers will use the front entrance of the school for arrival and will be dismissed out the gym door on the south side of the building. If an adult walks their child to the front door in the morning or picks up after school, please park in the Church of the Nazarene lot. We have permission to use this parking lot at 704 W. Front. Please walk your child to and from this lot. Our buses may block the entrances to the south parking lot and you will not be able to exit until the buses leave. We encourage parents if dropping off or picking up by car to use the car line in the north parking lot.

⚠️ No parking or drop off is permitted in the fire lane in the south parking lot.

BUS RIDERS

Bus students enter through the front doors and report to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. Those not eating breakfast will report to their designated waiting area previously mentioned. After school, staff will walk students in their bus lines directly to the bus they ride home.

Changes in your child's after school dismissal plans must be communicated before 2:00 pm through our school office. Feel free to leave a voicemail and if you would like a call back confirming the change, please leave that in your message as well. Teachers do not always have time to check their email or messages during the day and we want to ensure your child's safety after school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

We can't wait to welcome your Little Buck!

MOCCASIN ELEMENTARY

410 Moccasin Street (269) 695-8408 Grades 2 - 4

MICHAEL BABCOCK
PRINCIPAL

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Welcome to Moccasin Elementary!

A Safe Positive Learning Environment

MOCCASIN

hours

Regular School Day: Monday-Friday, 8:45 am - 3:48 pm

Wacky Wednesdays: 8:45 am - 3:15 pm

Half Days: 8:45 am - 12:10 pm

CAR RIDERS

Car riders will be picked up on 5th Street on the south end of the building. 5th Street is a one-way street that is accessed off of Main Street. Pick-up and drop-off will be one lane along the sidewalk by the gym entrance. Like last school year, morning drop off will begin after the school buses drop off students on 5th Street (8:10 am - 8:20 am). Afternoon pickup will begin after students load the buses on 5th Street at 3:50 pm.

WALKERS

Walkers will exit out the 5th Street door on the south side of the building. As Moccasin has older elementary students, they will be released to walk home at the dismissal bell. Parents do not need to come in and check them out. If your child is a walker, please ensure that they know their designated walking route to and from school (the route you expect them to walk every day).

BUS RIDERS

Students will be dropped off in the morning along 5th Street and also load in the afternoon along 5th Street. **Please communicate your child's after school transportation plan or changes to their plan to the main office by 2:00 pm.**

P.M. SHUTTLE BUS TO MOCCASIN

Due to the age of Ottawa students coming to Moccasin via the shuttle, they **will not be released from the bus** until a parent or designated person comes to the bus door and accepts the child(ren). The person **must be listed on the student's emergency card** or approved by the school office prior to pick-up. Staff may ask the adult for an ID. If you are waiting for the shuttle, please park either before or after the bus pick-up zone on the east side of Moccasin Street (before 5th Street or after the exit for the north parking lot).

BACK TO SCHOOL

Open House Event

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

5:00-6:00 pm



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

- Morning car riders will be dropped off at the 5th Street door between 8:10-8:40 am. The doors lock at 8:40 am. Car riders who arrive after 8:40 am will need to enter through the Main Office door #1.
- **Please drop off students on 5th Street.** Students who are dropped off in the morning are to wait in the fenced-in playground area at the back of the school.
- **Breakfast begins at 8:10 am.** Students eating breakfast should enter through the gym doors off of 5th Street. Students will then go to the playground area when done eating.

BIKE RIDERS

Students may ride their bikes to school at Moccasin with parent permission. Bike helmets are encouraged. Bike racks are located in the back of the building near the south end off of 5th Street. Bikes must be placed in the rack. Students and parents are responsible for providing locks to ensure the safety of their bike. The school is not responsible for bikes.



BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

610 W. 4th Street (269) 695-8406 Grades 5 - 7

SHELBY BEASLEY
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Welcome to the Home of the Jr. Herd!

"Committed to caring, striving for excellence."

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! My name is Shelby Beasley, and I am honored to be the principal at Buchanan Middle School. As principal, I aim to work collaboratively with parents, teachers, and community members to enhance the lives of our students. Adolescent students, like those we serve at Buchanan Middle School, need a safe learning environment enriched by a relevant and rigorous curriculum. I am confident in saying your students will find that in the classrooms and hallways at Buchanan Middle School!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

hours

Regular School Day: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 2:25 pm

Wacky Wednesdays: 7:30 am - 1:55 pm

Half Days: 7:30 am - 10:50 am

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:00-7:00 pm

Parents and students will be able to meet the Middle School staff and have an opportunity to explore the building to locate classrooms. Students will also have the opportunity to practice their locker combinations and receive their schedules. *Schedules will not be sent via mail.* If you are unable to make the orientation times, your child will receive their schedule on the first day of school when we meet by grade level to begin the day.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins this year on Monday, August 25, 2025, with a full day of classes. The front cafeteria door (Door 13) will be open at 6:50 am for breakfast. If your child is not eating breakfast, the main door (Door 1) will also open at 6:50 am. Students will be placed in grade-level locations to wait for teachers to escort them to class.

Classes will begin at 7:30 am and end at 2:25 pm. Students should be out of the building by 2:40 pm unless, of course, they are staying for an activity. Learning punctuality is imperative for adolescents as we prepare them for their future. Please assist us in teaching our students the importance of being on time for school and **all** of their classes.

This year, as in previous school years, BMS students will receive a packet containing our school's yearly calendar, conference dates, report card dates, and other information that will keep you aware of what, when, where, and how things proceed at BMS.

Parents who drop off and pick up students before and after school are asked to do so in designated areas in front of the school (flagpole side). Please use caution driving in this area. After 7:40 am each school day, the front doors (by the flagpole) will be locked.



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ATHLETICS

All students interested in participating in BMS Athletics will need to have a physical form on file with the office. New athletes can get a copy of this physical form from the main office or from the BCS website under Athletics, Athlete Sports Physical Form. The first day of mandatory practice is the first day of school, August 25, 2025.

Fall Sports:

- 7th Grade Football
- 7th Grade Volleyball
- 6th & 7th Grade Cross Country

BMS DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Buses drop off students each morning in the front of the school. They use the curb directly in front of the school and are usually right on time at 6:50 am. Please do not park along that curb until after the buses leave. If no buses are present, we ask that drivers pull all the way to the end of the curb in front of the building. Students will then enter Door 1 if they are not eating breakfast, and Door 13 if they are eating breakfast. Parents should not use the parking lot for drop off unless the parent is coming into the building for a meeting or to drop something off.

BMS PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Buses will load in the back of the school. Once all students are loaded on the buses, the buses will leave the back drive.



DRIVERS MUST YIELD FOR BUSES AS THEY DEPART!

Just as in the morning, we ask that drivers pull all the way to the end of the curb in front of the school. The line can look long, but it moves quickly. All cars are usually through the line by 2:30 pm.



At dismissal, parking in the church parking lot and having students cross 4th Street is not a safe practice. There is a police officer there to help with traffic, but this is NOT a crosswalk location. Students needing to cross 4th Street will need to walk to the stop sign at Chippewa Street and cross there.



Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday Schedule

5th Grade		6th Grade		7th Grade	
Advisory	7:30am-7:50am	Advisory	7:30am-7:50am	Advisory	7:30am-7:50am
1st	7:53am-8:42am	1st	7:53am-8:42am	1st	7:53am-8:42am
2nd	8:45am-9:34am	2nd	8:45am-9:34am	2nd	8:45am-9:34am
3rd	9:37am-10:26am	3rd	9:37am-10:26am	3rd	9:37am-10:26am
LUNCH	10:29am-10:56am	4th	10:29am-11:18am	4th	10:59am-11:18am
4th	10:59am-11:48am	LUNCH	11:21am-11:48am	5th	11:21am-12:10pm
5th	11:51am-12:40pm	5th	11:51am-12:40pm	LUNCH	12:13pm-12:40pm
6th	12:43pm-1:32pm	6th	12:43pm-1:32pm	6th	12:43pm-1:32pm
7th	1:35pm-2:25pm	7th	1:35pm-2:25pm	7th	1:35pm-2:25pm

Wacky Wednesday Schedule

5th Grade		6th Grade		7th Grade	
1st	7:30am-8:18am	1st	7:30am-8:18am	1st	7:30am-8:18am
2nd	8:21am-9:09am	2nd	8:21am-9:09am	2nd	8:21am-9:09am
3rd	9:12am-10:00am	3rd	9:12am-10:00am	3rd	9:12am-10:00am
4th	10:03am-10:51am	4th	10:03am-10:51am	4th	10:03am-10:51am
LUNCH	10:54am-11:21am	5th	10:54am-11:42am	5th	10:54am-11:42am
5th	11:24am-12:12pm	LUNCH	11:45am-12:12pm	6th	11:45am-12:33pm
6th	12:15pm-1:03pm	6th	12:15pm-1:03pm	LUNCH	12:36pm-1:03pm
7th	1:06pm-1:55pm	7th	1:06pm-1:55pm	7th	1:06pm-1:55pm

CELL PHONE & HANDHELD DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, handheld games, etc. are not allowed on a student's person during school hours. They must be turned off before the first bell and kept in the student's locker. If a student is found in possession of a device, it will be confiscated and sent to the office. The first incident will come with a warning and a phone call home. Any other incident will require a parent or guardian to pick up the device in the school office. Disciplinary action will be taken for students not complying with this expectation. Students needing to get in contact with parents during school hours may use a school phone with faculty or staff approval.

Thank you for your valuable partnership in your child's education. We look forward to another wonderful year at Buchanan Middle School!

Sincerely,

Shelby Beasley
Principal



Ryan Frontczak
Behavior Interventionist &
Assistant Athletic Coordinator




DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. The responsibility for student dress is that of the students and the parents. The following guidelines should be followed:

Pants/Shorts/Dresses/Skirts:

- Jeans, Pants, Leggings, and Joggers.
- Shorts, Dresses, or Skirts should provide modest coverage of the backside.
- Leggings, spandex, and biker shorts must be opaque and not see-through.
- Pants/shorts with holes should not have any holes with skin showing above fingertip length.
- No pajamas of any kind.
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist. Sagging is not acceptable.

Shirts:

- Tank top straps must be 3 inches in width.
- No shirts showing midriff.
- No muscle shirts.
- Appropriate necklines should be observed.
- No shirts with inappropriate slogans or advertisements.
- Winter jackets should be kept in lockers at all times.

Hair:

- Students may dye their hair whatever color parents allow as long as it does not cause a major disruption to the learning environment.
- No bandanas.
- No hats inside the building.

Footwear:

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.

All school bags are to be kept in lockers and not carried to class.

If a student is in violation of the dress code, they will be asked to change or call for a change of clothing. If no change of clothing is available, they may be placed in the learning center for the day.

The administration reserves the right to make a final judgment concerning the appropriateness of a student's attire & appearance.



BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

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HOME OF THE BUCKS!

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We're excited to welcome our Bucks back! This year, we're thrilled to introduce Ms. Huff as our new Assistant Principal & CTE Director. She brings over 19 years of experience and is a great addition to the BHS team. Our staff has been busy preparing for a strong start. At BHS, we're proud to offer a challenging curriculum, dedicated teachers, and a supportive school community. Attendance and engagement remain top priorities, so please review our attendance policy. We value communication and will continue sharing monthly Principal's Updates through email, our website, ParentSquare, Facebook, and Twitter. Let's make it a great year!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00-7:30 pm

SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 AM EVERY DAY.

The cafeteria doors open at 7:00 am
and breakfast will be available.

The front doors will open after 7:33 am.

Students will stay in the cafeteria until released by staff.
No students are allowed in the main building until 7:33 am.

Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday Schedule

1st Lunch	2nd Lunch	3rd Lunch	4th Lunch
1 7:40am-8:42am	1 7:40am-8:42am	1 7:40am-8:42am	1 7:40am-8:42am
2 8:47am-9:49am	2 8:47am-9:49am	2 8:47am-9:49am	2 8:47am-9:49am
3 9:54am-10:56am	3 9:54am-10:56am	3 9:54am-10:56am	3 9:54am-10:56am
L 10:56am-11:21am	4 11:01am-11:31am	4 11:01am-12:02pm	4 11:01am-12:02pm
	L 11:31am-11:56am	L 12:02pm-12:27pm	5 12:07pm-12:35pm
4 11:26am-12:27pm	4 12:01pm-12:27pm		L 12:35pm-1:00pm
5 12:32pm-1:34pm	5 12:32pm-1:34pm	5 12:32pm-1:34pm	5 1:05pm-1:34pm
6 1:39pm-2:40pm	6 1:39pm-2:40pm	6 1:39pm-2:40pm	6 1:39pm-2:40pm

Wacky Wednesday Schedule

1st Lunch	2nd Lunch	3rd Lunch	4th Lunch
1 7:40am-8:38am	1 7:40am-8:38am	1 7:40am-8:38am	1 7:40am-8:38am
2 8:43am-9:41am	2 8:43am-9:41am	2 8:43am-9:41am	2 8:43am-9:41am
3 9:46am-10:43am	3 9:46am-10:43am	3 9:46am-10:43am	3 9:46am-10:43am
L 10:43am-11:08am	4 10:48am-11:15am	4 10:48am-11:45am	4 10:48am-11:45am
	L 11:15am-11:40am	L 11:45am-12:10pm	5 11:50am-12:18pm
4 11:13am-12:10pm	4 11:45am-12:10pm		L 12:18pm-12:43pm
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School Improvement is a continuous process and BHS works year-round to make our school a better place to learn, grow, and prepare for the future. If you are interested in joining our conversations and helping with our initiatives, feel free to contact us for more information. The following are highlights of our current initiatives:

- **Chromebooks for every student grades 8 through 12.** Teachers continue to expand opportunities to use technology as a method to engage and promote student learning. Chromebooks are a required device during the school day. Device Protection Plans are available. Students are expected to have their assigned Chromebook along with their chargers with them in all classes.
- **Professional Development** opportunities for teachers that focus on making students the center of our conversations as we track academic growth and improve the culture and climate of our school. Teachers will also be trained in using new technology platforms and programs as those areas continue to change, evolve, and expand in education.
- **Virtual Learning** continues to improve with MyVirtual in our E-Lab. Credit recovery, as well as acceleration, are possible with the approval of the Principal. This platform will be used for all students who did not earn credit in their previous courses in order to keep them on track for graduation.
- **Wacky Wednesdays** will continue. Students are dismissed at 2:07 pm every Wednesday to allow weekly professional learning time for staff.
- **After-School Academic Learning Sessions** are once again offered Monday through Thursday.

EIGHTH & NINTH GRADE CHROMEBOOKS will be distributed during the BHS Back to School Night on August 18th from 6-7:30pm.

Look for more detailed information in the Back To School edition of the BHS Bucks Principal's Update that will be provided to our Buchanan High School families in the fall!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS are always needed and sought after. If you have a talent or skill that you would like to share with us, please reach out to the Principal's Office at 269-695-8403 option 1. No talents or skills are necessary however; sometimes we just need your time! All volunteers need to have a background check completed before working with students.

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK along with our Code of Conduct policies may be found on our school website at www.buchananschools.com in September. Policies have been composed with the goal of creating an environment that supports learning. Keep our dress code in mind when you are shopping for your child's school clothing. Students not adhering to the dress code will be sent home to change or will be given a change of clothes.

THE ATTENDANCE POLICY can be found in our student handbook. Please read it over carefully to make sure you understand it. Students are expected and required to complete assignments for each course even if absent. There is a **direct relationship** between school attendance and academic success. Students should make every effort to be in attendance daily. Please be sure that our attendance office is notified of all absences within 24 hours, if not a detention will result.

Classes begin Monday, August 25th.

We are looking forward to another year of working with our Buck families to make this a safe and positive learning environment! The BHS staff hopes to see you at our first home football game on September 12th at 7:00 pm against Pennfield

 **GO BUCKS!** 



CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

401 W. Chicago Street (269) 695-8400 ext. *20013

DAWN HUFF
DIRECTOR

dawn.huff@buchananschools.com



Our CTE programs also offer students valuable opportunities to explore careers through specialized field trips and hands-on, work-based learning experiences. From attending major events like the Chicago Auto Show and the Grand Rapids Food Show to participating in a variety of other off-campus activities, students gain real-world insight and connections that extend learning far beyond the classroom.

**CTE programs
are a great way
to begin your
path to college
and career
success!**

Buchanan partners with area schools to provide CTE classes in CAD, Machine Tool, Building Trades, EMT, Firefighting, and Health Services.

Buchanan High School offers a diverse array of CTE programs which provide students with the opportunity to learn real world skills leading to certificates, licenses and college credits in a variety of career pathways. Our purpose is to create a more relevant, engaging high school experience by combining the rigorous core academics that students need for college with the career and technical education that makes them employable, while doing it in an applied, hands-on way that includes real life experience.

Buchanan CTE Programs operating in 2025-2026 include:

- Sports Medicine
- Automotive Technology
- Computer Fundamentals & Networking
- Business Systems Administration
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Sports Management
- Cybersecurity
- Education
- Electrical
- Graphic Design



BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

401 W. Chicago Street (269) 695-8400 ext. *20026 Grades 9 - 12

REID MCBETH
ATHLETIC COORDINATOR
rmcbeth@buchananschools.com



Buchanan High School Athletics is committed to fostering a culture that provides the opportunity to pursue the total development of BHS student-athletes. Buchanan Athletics creates meaningful academic, athletic, and social experiences that will allow BHS student-athletes to develop the essential skills needed to achieve excellence in the ultimate challenge: *Life*.

Our athletic programs also provide great opportunities to experience specialized training within the weight room as well as multiple community service opportunities throughout a student's athletic career.

Athletics are a great way to develop the entire student and give the student the best opportunity to reach their maximum potential. If you have any questions about our athletic programs, please feel free to contact our Athletic Coordinator, Reid McBeth at 269-695-8400 ext. *20026 or by email at rmcbeth@buchananschools.com.

2025-2026 BUCHANAN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



HS FALL

Mens Tennis
Coed Cross Country
Football
Womens Swimming*Co-op
through Bridgman
Sideline Cheer
Mens Soccer
Volleyball

HS WINTER

Mens Basketball
Competitive Cheer
Womens Basketball
Wrestling

HS SPRING

Baseball
Golf
Womens Soccer
Womens Tennis
Softball
Coed Track & Field

MS FALL

Coed Cross Country
Football
Volleyball

MS WINTER

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Wrestling

MS SPRING

Coed Track & Field

For the 2025-2026 school year, transportation will continue to operate as it did last year.

For Middle School Athletics, transportation arrangements remain unchanged.

For larger teams such as football, transportation to and from events will be provided as usual.

For smaller teams, when the opponent is less than 40 miles away, there will be one-way drops. In such cases, a school van will be sent to help provide rides home to those students who do not have transportation.

Please note that when trips are outside the "one-way" drop areas, the bus will stay, and a van will not be provided.

Regardless of the location of the trip, please rest assured that the school will always do everything in its power to ensure our student athletes have transportation to their athletic competitions.



ATTENTION BUCK FANS! We Need YOU!

Want to cheer on the Bucks *and* score
a **FREE All-Sport Season Pass**?

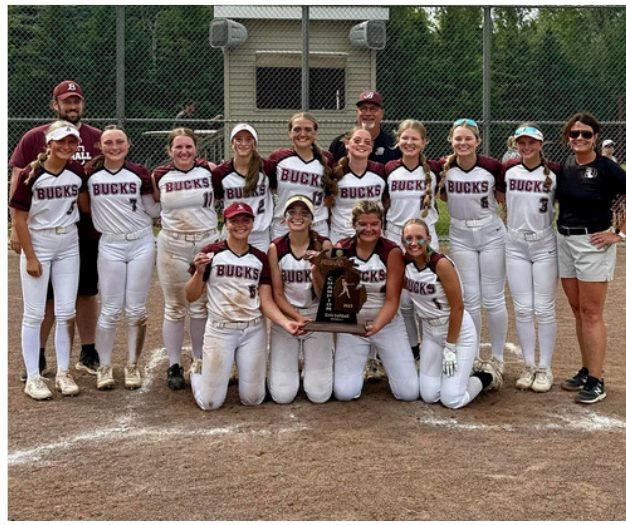
We're looking for enthusiastic **volunteers** to help out at **home high school sporting events**! From ticket takers to scoreboard operators, it takes a team to run game day - and we'd love for YOU to be part of it.

In exchange for volunteering, you'll receive an **ALL-SPORT SEASON PASS** good for **ALL** home games!

Ready to join the team?

Contact **Athletic Coordinator Reid McBeth** at rmcbeth@buchananschools.com to sign up!





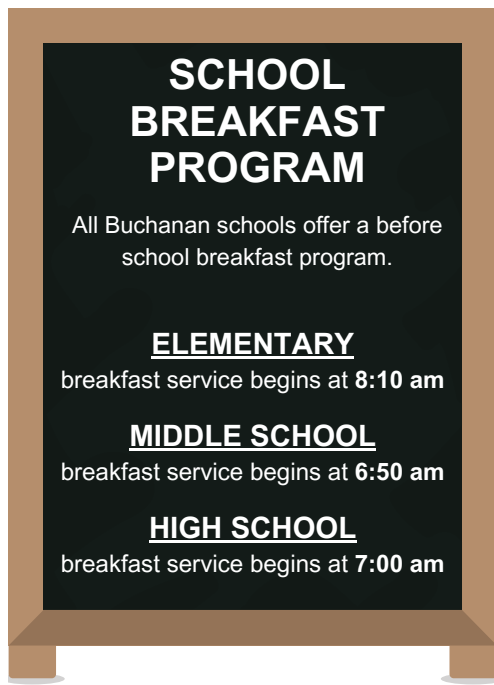
FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

(269) 695-8415

BECKY KALTENBACH
FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR
rkaltenbach@buchananschools.com



BREAKFAST & LUNCH



**for monthly breakfast
and lunch menus!**

Paper menus are sent home with elementary students and are also available at each school office and online.

FOOD ALLERGIES & SENSITIVITIES

If your student has a food allergy or sensitivity and they plan to eat school provided meals, you must complete a Special Diet Statement. These are available in every school office.

If your child has a sensitivity to milk (is lactose intolerant), we can provide soy milk or lactose free dairy milk (i.e. Lactaid) to your child with just a parent notification and signature on the Special Diet Statement. Requests for other types of milk substitutes must come from a doctor. We can no longer accommodate parent or student requests for almond milk.

ALA CARTE SALES

At the Middle School and High School, additional drinks and food will be available for purchase. There must be available funds in your child's account or cash payment in order to purchase ala carte food and beverages.

⚠️ Disruptions in our food supply chain are still a possibility and we may occasionally have to substitute menu items. We thank you for your patience and cooperation and look forward to serving your children this year.

***At the time of publication, it is still uncertain whether breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost for Michigan public school students. We are hopeful breakfast and lunch will remain free for all students. We will share updates as soon as more information becomes available.**

SCHOOL LUNCH AND MILK PROGRAM

All Buchanan Schools will begin lunch and milk service on Monday, August 25, 2025. One milk is included with each breakfast and lunch.

A variety of fruits and vegetables will be available on all menu lines for students to add to their plate (at no extra charge) before they check-out at the register.

Milk: \$.60 if purchased without a meal or if the student wants an additional carton.

STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNTS

If your student has money in their account, please note that those funds stay with your student until they graduate. That money can be used to purchase ala carte items or will be available to them in future years if meals do not remain free.

Parents may also view the activity in their child's meal account via the internet through the District's Food Service Web Portal.

**Questions? Please reach out to the Food Service Department
at 269-695-8415 or email rkaltenbach@buchananschools.com**

TRANSPORTATION

(269) 695-8402

NATE WILL
TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR
nwill@buchananschools.com



Safely transporting students to a foundation of lifelong learning and working together as a team to provide safe and successful transportation services.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS REMINDERS

- **Be Ready:**
 - Student must be **OUTSIDE** and **VISIBLE** to the driver **5** minutes before the stop time.
 - Drivers will **NOT** wait for students who are not at the stop and ready to board.
 - This keeps the bus on time for everyone!
- **Young Students:**
 - Kindergarten: An adult must be visible before we release your child.
 - Preschool & ECSE: Adult must be present to board and receive child from the bus **MORNING & AFTERNOON**.
 - Grades 1 & up: No adult required - students exit independently.
- **Stop Times:**
 - Stop times are an **APPROXIMATE** and may change due to the weather, traffic, or other delays.
- **Bus Passes:**
 - Riding to a different location? **CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE** for an official bus pass.
 - No notes, texts, or verbal requests to drivers.
 - Permanent changes require 48 business hours notice.
- **Damage:**
 - Families are responsible for the cost of **ANY DAMAGE** caused by a student.
 - Bus riding privileges will be suspended until repairs are paid in full.
- **Questions?**
 - Transportation Office: 269-695-8402
 - Email: bucksbus@buchananschools.com
 - Visit www.buchananschools.com/transportation for a full list of expectations and other important information regarding transportation.

**THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
US KEEP
STUDENTS
SAFE & ON
TIME!**



TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Nate
Jennifer T.
Steve
Jennifer S.
Ann
Deanna
Mr. Percy
Rose
Tina
Kristen
Aaron
Jeremy
Dave
Tre'
Heather



Buchanan Community Schools operates quality special education programs in all four of our schools!

Providing programs and services in Buchanan to eligible students are nine specially trained and certified special education teachers, thirteen para-professionals, and three speech and language pathologists. Support also comes from the following staff members from Berrien RESA (Regional Education Service Agency): school psychologist, school social worker, academic teacher consultant, mobility specialist, assistive technology specialist, teacher consultants of the visually impaired and the hearing impaired, occupational and physical therapists. Students are placed in programs through an Individual Educational Program Planning Committee meeting composed of local district and Berrien RESA diagnostic and educational staff once appropriate assessments have been administered and the student qualifies under Michigan special education rules and regulations. Nearly 230 PK-12 students receive some kind of special education services including speech and language during the school day in Buchanan.

Our special education programs serve a wide variety of eligible students with special educational needs in the following areas:

- Early Childhood Developmental Delay (ages 3-8)
- Specific Learning Disability, determined by a process of analyzing the student's pattern of learning strengths and weaknesses.
- Speech and Language Impaired for Language, Articulation/Phonology, Voice, and Fluency (stuttering) concerns
- Emotionally Impaired
- Cognitive Impairment
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Traumatic Spectrum Disorder
- Otherwise Health Impaired
- Physically Impaired
- Hearing Impaired
- Visually Impaired

Some students need programs that are not offered within the district. The IEP process is used to make this determination and to place these students in programs that offer the services necessary to meet their goals and objectives. Transportation is provided for these students.

An additional 30 students receive services in center-based programs operated by Berrien RESA throughout the county including a cooperative inter-agency program for 0 - 2.5 year-olds in the Early On programs (269-471-7725) for infants and toddlers involving both parent and child.

Other center-based programs funded by Berrien RESA include:

- Berrien Springs Hearing Impaired Program provides services for students in the tri-county area. This program is operated by the Berrien Springs Public Schools. Students may attend a classroom program for the hearing impaired in Berrien Springs or may get teacher consultant services in their Buchanan classes. This program also provides on-site hearing diagnostic assessments with trained audiologists as well as follow-up with students who have suspected or verified hearing losses.
- Low-incidence special education programs for the cognitively impaired children who need full-time placements are available at Berrien Springs MS and HS, as well as Howard School in Niles and the Southside School Pre-vocational studies program for ages 16-25 in Niles. These students have below-average abilities and graduate with a certificate of completion. The curriculum focuses on independent living and employability skills.
- Blossomland Learning Center programs in Berrien Springs serve our moderate to severe cognitively impaired and severely multiply impaired students ages 3-26. The school assists students in preparing for entry into their respective communities as adults.
- Lighthouse Education Center in St. Joseph as well as Ballard and Southside Schools in Niles offer support to students with severe emotional impairments. These students exhibit a severity of emotional difficulties, which prohibits them from attendance in regular classrooms. Additionally, students may attend Lighthouse if they have severe autistic impairments.

All special education programs and services follow the rules and regulations for eligibility set forth by the State of Michigan's Department of Education. For further information about student eligibility policies and procedures, existing programs, or speech and language services, contact your building principal or Callie Campbell, Director of Special Education at 269-695-8442.



Personalize your learning experience with our Virtual Academy!



BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY

GRADES 5-12

Buchanan Virtual Academy offers full-time online opportunities for students in grades 5-12. Coursework is done from home and the curriculum is available 24/7 with certified teachers available six days a week. The engaging curriculum offers flexibility and covers all Michigan requirements. Students may accelerate at their own individual pace.

High School courses meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements and 18 credits are required for graduation. Students enrolling with previous high school credits will have their credits examined and credited in the Michigan Merit requirements where possible.

Buchanan Virtual Academy focuses on student mastery of content and all courses are attached to Michigan-certified teachers offering students academic assistance along the way. Progress reports are available for parents as well as communication with students by phone, email, instant and text messaging, and video conferencing. If needed, students are provided a computer and internet access free of charge.

Students who live in the Buchanan school district are eligible for enrollment as well as all Berrien County students and students in adjacent counties.

Online learning is a fit for many students unable to take classes in a traditional setting. More information about the virtual academy as well as the application process can be found at Buchanan Virtual Academy | Buchanan Community Schools (www.buchananschools.com). You may also contact our Buchanan Virtual Academy Coordinator, Reid McBeth at 269-695-8400 ext. *20026 or by email at rmcbeth@buchananschools.com.

BUCHANAN STEP UP

AGES 16-19

Buchanan Step Up enrolls students from all over the State of Michigan. Step Up is an online solution for students who have dropped out of school and operates year-round. Every student receives a computer and internet connectivity, allowing them to access their coursework anytime. Students are assigned an Advocate who works with the student to create an aggressive high school completion plan. Course work and instruction is supported by Michigan Certified Teachers. Students must complete one class per month to stay in the program. More information and application for Buchanan Step Up can be found at Buchanan Step Up | Buchanan Community Schools (www.buchananschools.com) or by calling 800-297-2119.

BUCHANAN CREDIT RECOVERY

GRADES 9-12

Buchanan Credit Recovery allows students from any high school across the country to take a high school course. Students may make up coursework or repeat failed classes. Approval from the student's home high school is needed to ensure credit will be accepted. Students can enroll in this tuition-based program at any time during the year to take advantage of classes delivered online with 24/7 access. For more information please contact 586-649-2323.



BUCHANAN PROMISE

OPENING THE DOOR TO A BRIGHTER BUCHANAN

Since 2017, the Buchanan Promise has been helping students of Buchanan Community Schools continue their education, and fulfill their dreams.


We are happy to announce that, beginning with the graduating class of 2022, eligible students can now qualify for up to \$15,000 over the life of the scholarship!



EZRA PRUETT
CLASS OF 2031

Does my student qualify?

..... How do students qualify for the promise?

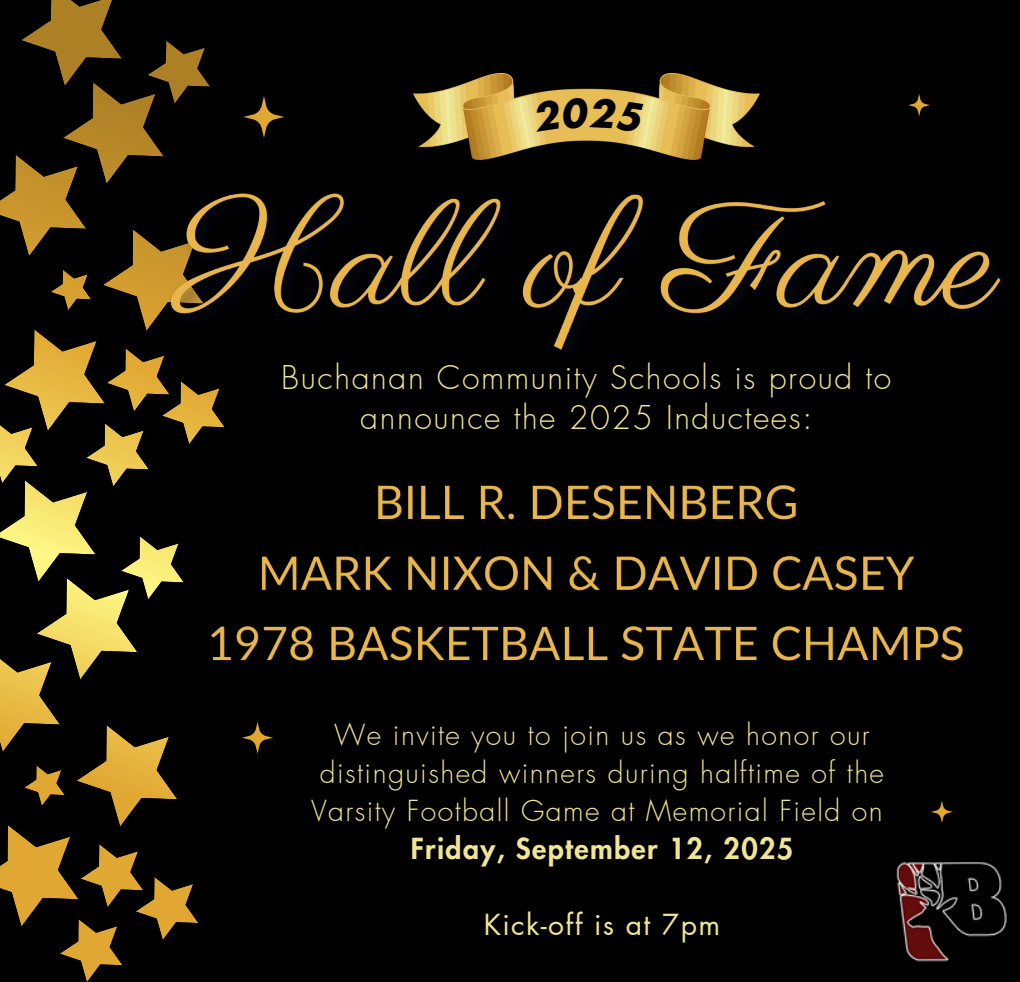
Buchanan, MI +  = \$3,750 PER YEAR FOR 4 YEARS FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$15,000 FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

All students who live in the BCS district AND attend AND graduate from Buchanan Community Schools qualify for the Promise! (*at least grades 9 - 12)

To learn more or find out if YOUR student could qualify, call us or visit our website!

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation -
Home of the Buchanan Promise 269.695.3521

www.buchananpromise.org



2025


Hall of Fame

Buchanan Community Schools is proud to
announce the 2025 Inductees:

BILL R. DESEMBERG
MARK NIXON & DAVID CASEY
1978 BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPS

We invite you to join us as we honor our
distinguished winners during halftime of the
Varsity Football Game at Memorial Field on
Friday, September 12, 2025

Kick-off is at 7pm




As part of the **BUCHANAN PROMISE**, provided and managed by the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, every Kindergartener will be given a FREE \$50 College Savings Account at Honor Credit Union.

**Michigan Gateway
Community Foundation**

To learn more, call us or visit the website!
269-695-3521
www.buchananpromise.com




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I plan on becoming a psychologist. The Buchanan Promise will help me further my education by allowing me to have better access to better education resources, as well as allowing me to focus on my studies instead of worrying about other expenses.

Kristen Tavernier
Class of 2025

www.buchananpromise.org


Welcome New Staff!

- Lindsey Saal**
2nd Grade Teacher
- Shea Allison**
5th Grade Teacher
- James Wades**
CTE - Electrical Instructor
- Callie Campbell**
Director of Special Education
- Mike Beasley**
3rd Grade Teacher
- Hayley Rudlaff**
ECSE Teacher
- Dawn Huff**
BHS Assistant Principal & CTE Director
- Jessica Walker**
Administrative Assistant, Moccasin
- Hillary Casey**
Media Assistant, Moccasin
- Christina Wilson**
Behavior Support Specialist, Moccasin
- Sydney Ziemke**
1st Grade Teacher

Year In Review

2024-2025



PATRICIA ROBINSON
SUPERINTENDENT

Featuring Updates from:

Superintendent
Food Service
Business Office
Operations
Technology
Transportation

Dear Buck Families,

With the 2024-2025 school year ending, we take a retrospective look on a year marked by significant progress and achievement. Our students have continued excelling academically in a safe and supportive learning environment. Buchanan Community Schools uses data-driven approaches to guide improvements across all areas, including academics, student behavior, school climate, finances, technology, and facilities.

Academic Excellence

Each spring, our third through eleventh-grade students participate in state assessments (M-STEP and SAT). These assessments provide insights into our students' mastery of core academic subjects. We are proud to report that 75% of our core subject averages exceeded both county and state benchmarks during the 2023-2024 assessment period. The 2024-2025 assessment results are not yet available. The results reflect the quality of our educational program, which includes:

Assessment	Average Scores		
	STATE	COUNTY	BUCHANAN
MSTEP ELA	39	43	53
MSTEP MATH	36	40	46
MSTEP SCIENCE	38	40	45
MSTEP SOCIAL STUDIES	30	32	35
PSAT 8 ERW	56	55	75
PSAT 8 MATH	32	38	37
SAT 11 ERW	51	46	55
SAT 11 MATH	26	21	20

- Strong building leadership
- Fully certified, expert teaching staff
- Evidence and research-based curriculum programs
- Dedicated instructional coaches to support teacher development
- Specialized academic interventionists to provide targeted student support

School Culture and Climate

Creating a positive school culture remains a top priority. Our staff and school leaders work closely with families to develop an environment where learning can flourish. We strive to ensure all students and staff feel safe, respected, and valued.

Our classrooms buzz with the energy of knowledge acquisition, inquiry, and exploration, with our expert teachers skillfully facilitating the learning process. We've achieved this through several key initiatives:

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Restorative Justice practices
- Student of the Month recognition program
- Prompt and appropriate responses to disruptive behavior

These evidence-based approaches have significantly improved our district's disciplinary outcomes. We're pleased to report that office discipline referrals and suspensions have decreased compared to last year.

Parent Feedback and Engagement

Parents participated in the MI Student Voice survey for the second consecutive year in February. This feedback is invaluable in our ongoing efforts to enhance the learning environment for our entire school community. The survey revealed several areas of improvement in services, communications, and community connections. While we celebrate this progress, we've also identified areas requiring additional attention. We remain committed to implementing strategies that address these growth opportunities.

INCREASED PARENT SATISFACTION			DECREASED PARENT SATISFACTION		
	2025	2024		2025	2024
Do you feel that staff are respectful to your child?	79.5	74.3	Overall, are you satisfied with your child's school?	62.7	73.2
Are you satisfied with the services offered by the school (e.g., transportation services, lunch services, school counselors, school library services, etc.)?	72.3	69.3	Are you confident that this school has the ability to meet your child's learning needs?	64	65
Are you satisfied with the way your child's school communicates with you?	71.1	68	Are you confident that your child is safe in this school?	58.5	60.8
Do you feel that your child has a connection with teachers/staff at school?	70	62.2	Would you recommend this school to other parents seeking a place for their child?	67.1	73.9
Do you feel that your child has a connection with other students at school?	66.3	61.7	Does your child feel successful at this school?	64.6	68.7
Does the style of teaching in your child's classroom(s) align with your child's style of learning?	54.2	51.1	Does your child look forward to going to school?	51.2	63
			Do you feel that there is a sense of belonging at this school?	58.5	63.7
			Does this school motivate your child to learn?	50.6	57

Looking Forward

As we conclude this school year and begin planning for 2025-2026, we celebrate our collective achievements while looking forward to building upon this foundation of success.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership and support throughout this journey. Together, we continue to create an educational environment where every student can thrive.

Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,

Cathy Rolfe



BECKY KALTENBACH
FOOD SERVICE

The Food Service staff carefully plans and serves meals that are appealing to students and meet the nutritional requirements of the age groups at each school. We do this by including a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, milk, whole grains and meat. We also provide vegetarian options at each school.

For the second year in a row we were very pleased to join school districts across Michigan in offering free breakfasts and lunches to all students. This allowed us to serve an average of 487 breakfasts and 1,108 lunches daily.

Other highlights of the year include:

- Preparing and serving 500 meals for the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser.
- Composting food waste at Buchanan High School for a local farmer.
- Participating in National School Lunch week by inviting school staff to eat with the students and try our school food.
- Providing a free daily snack to the Boys and Girls Club after school program at Buchanan Middle School.



CARRIE BRUNSTING

BUSINESS OFFICE

As we reflect on the past year, the Buchanan Community Schools Business Office remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the district's financial health while supporting the academic and operational goals that serve our students, staff, and community. Managing school funding is a complex but critical responsibility, and we continue to approach it with diligence, creativity, and a strong sense of stewardship.

Understanding Michigan School Funding

- In Michigan, public schools are primarily funded through a combination of local property taxes and state funding based on per-pupil allocations. However, this traditional formula often does not fully cover the wide array of needs and challenges that districts face—especially when addressing equity, aging infrastructure, or student well-being.
- To meet these growing demands, we actively seek alternative funding sources to supplement our general fund. This includes local options like the Sinking Fund, as well as State and Federal grants earmarked for specific purposes.

Leveraging Alternative Revenue Streams

Sinking Fund:

Buchanan Community Schools uses its Sinking Fund to finance essential capital improvement projects. This fund helps address building repairs, security enhancements, and infrastructure upgrades without drawing from instructional budgets. Details of completed and ongoing projects can be found in the following Operations Summary section.

State Funding – Key Categorical Aids:

- Section 31a (At-Risk Funding): This funding supports the entire District and provides targeted academic and behavioral interventions for at-risk students. These funds are crucial in closing achievement gaps and expanding student support services.
- Section 31aa (Mental Health, Safety & Security): This relatively new allocation has been vital in enhancing our mental health services and safety infrastructure across the district. These dollars help fund our District nurse, security systems, and training to ensure a safe, supportive learning environment.

Federal Funding – Title Programs:

- Title I, Part A: Federal Title I funds target academic intervention programs, particularly at Ottawa Elementary, Moccasin Elementary, and Buchanan Middle School. These programs are designed to help students who are not meeting academic standards.
- Title II, Part A: Title II funding supports professional development for our educators and District leaders, ensuring they are equipped with current strategies and knowledge to best serve our diverse student body.

Fiscal Responsibility & Strategic Planning

Our team understands that every dollar matters. As such, we work proactively to prioritize needs, explore additional funding sources, and align spending with strategic goals. Whether managing day-to-day expenses or long-term projects, we emphasize transparency and accountability in all our financial decisions. We remain deeply aware of our role as stewards of public resources. Through careful planning, collaborative budgeting, and consistent monitoring, we are proud to support the educational mission of Buchanan Community Schools while preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.



MARK KURLAND

OPERATIONS

The Buchanan Community Schools Operations Department was excited to bring custodial services back in-house which means all employees are district employees and not part of a third-party company. Maintenance paid extra attention to replacing outdated vehicles and the use of sinking & safety funds during the 2024-25 school year.

Exterior doors have been replaced at Ottawa, Moccasin, and Buchanan High School to enhance campus safety.

Purchased 2021 Chevy 4x4 Silverado with plow to replace our old maroon truck.



Purchased 2024 16' Cargo trailer to replace old box truck.

Buchanan Middle School Gym LED Lights - Sinking Fund Project.



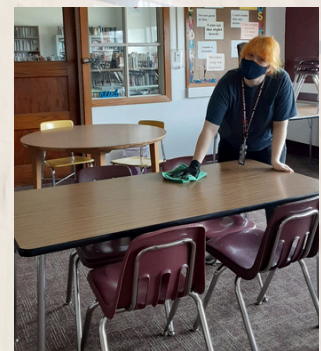
Moccasin Facade Project - Sinking Fund Project.



Projects to be completed over the summer:

- BHS Athletic Fence Project - new fencing around football, softball, and baseball fields along roadways - Safety Funds
- BHS Large Area Air Conditioning & Window Air Conditioning Projects - Band, Media Center, CTE, and Art Room air conditioning units along with window units for smaller classrooms - Capital Funds

	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Sinking Funds	District Facilities Study	\$24,300.00
Buchanan High School	HS Plumbing Repairs	\$14,909.57
	HS Heating Boiler & AC	\$60,330.63
	HS Fire Panel Repairs	\$5,281.00
	HS Carpet Repairs	\$700.00
	HS Roof Repairs	\$4,122.29
	HS Elevator Repairs	\$4,227.55
	HS Emergency Hallway Lights	\$6,600.00
	HS Electrical Repairs & Upgrades	\$23,800.00
	HS Removal of Trees	\$1,200.00
	HS Transportation Concrete Pad for Tanks	\$8,132.00
	HS Transportation Electrical Upgrade for Tanks	\$5,851.00
Buchanan Middle School	MS Plumbing Repairs	\$3,234.00
	MS Gym LED Lighting Project	\$11,510.00
	MS Concrete Pads	\$6,467.00
	MS Roof Repairs	\$742.50
	MS Heating Boiler & AC	\$1,590.16
	MS Emergency Lights	\$536.83
Moccasin Elementary School	MS Removal of Trees	\$2,256.00
	MES Plumbing Repairs	\$5,405.00
	MES Fence Project	\$2,627.00
	MES Heating Boiler	\$2,793.59
	MES Facade Project - Manager Services	\$16,326.77
Ottawa Elementary School	MES Facade Project - Construction & Repairs	\$53,914.10
	OES Plumbing Repairs	\$4,629.50
	OES Playground Deck Repairs	\$28,930.25
	OES Heating Boiler & AC	\$1,337.60
Safety Grant Projects	HS Replacement of Exterior Doors	\$27,004.00
	MES Replacement of Exterior Door	\$3,395.00
	OES Replacement of Exterior Door	\$4,285.00





PHILLIP PLACE

TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technologies Department at Buchanan Communities Schools is responsible for the maintenance of all technologies used in the education of students and the support of that education. This includes obvious things such as teacher and student computers, projectors, Chromebooks, wifi, etc., but also includes the network infrastructure connecting our buildings together.

Network Equipment Upgrades (10Gbps backbone)

BMS, MES and OES went through an infrastructure audit to determine what equipment is needed to move forward with the 10Gbps backbone upgrades. After the successful implementation at BHS last year, we submitted for federal eRate approval for total replacement of all necessary equipment in each of the other buildings utilizing the same technology and manufacturer as BHS. Through eRate, the District is able to fund this project and receive an 80% reimbursement.

Administration Workstation Replacements

The District operates on a workstation replacement cycle that runs between six and ten years. We work hard to extend the life of computers by performing regular maintenance and upgrades when possible. This year, all administrative workstations were replaced after reaching their effective End of Life (EoL). All offices including secretaries, counselors and media assistants received new systems with the specifications needed to last into the next replacement cycle.

Library Information System (LIS/LMS)

Through a generous grant from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, the LIS for BMS, MES and OES was replaced. As part of the grant, Buchanan Community Schools has partnered with the Buchanan District Library to reopen the high school library using this same new system. Having all the buildings under the same cloud based solution means a much smoother workflow for our staff and a consistent experience for our students while simultaneously expanding access to books. The new system went online this fall, but a full transition is expected to take another year.



NATE WILL

TRANSPORTATION

Despite the ongoing bus driver shortage that continues to impact many districts, we are proud to share that we remained fully staffed this year, including a dedicated substitute driver. In April, we welcomed Aaron Morphew as our substitute driver—please join us in giving him a warm greeting!

We have also applied for clean energy bus grants to begin replacing our diesel buses with propane-powered vehicles. This change offers significant cost savings and environmental benefits that will positively impact our students, their families and all of the BCS community.

Summer School Transportation

BCS will provide transportation for summer school. Please remember that all regular school-year transportation rules will remain in effect during the summer months.

2025–2026 Transportation Requests

In July, parents and guardians will receive an email requesting transportation information for the 2025–2026 school year. Even if your child's transportation needs have not changed, it's important to review and confirm that all information is accurate.



Your support helps our students, families, and community thrive.

Thank you from all of us at Buchanan Community Schools!



2025-2026 BACK TO SCHOOL BUCHANAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL NOTICES

NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS REINSECTIONS

To: Parents & Staff of Buchanan Community Schools

From: Mark Kurland, Director of Operations & Instructional Systems Coordinator

Date: July 2025

In compliance with the 1989 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we have performed inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in each school administrative office and in the office at Central Maintenance.

The EPA requires us to perform reinspections of the asbestos materials every three years. The three-year reinspections were performed by an accredited asbestos inspector in July 2023. We perform the six-month periodic surveillance as required by the AHERA regulations.

The results of the reinspections and management plans are on file in each school's administrative office and Business Office. Everyone is welcome to view these at any time during normal hours (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). I will be available at 269-695-8400 to answer any questions you may have about asbestos in our buildings.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Buchanan Community Schools complies with all federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of the Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender/sex, height, weight, marital status, or disability shall be subjected to discrimination in any program, service, or activity for which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. Compliance Officers for Affirmative Action and review of Federal requirements are as follows: Section 504 and ADA; Callie Campbell (Director of Special Education, 695-8442), Title IX and Title VI; Brian Pruett (Buchanan High School Principal, 695-8404) and Shelby Beasley (Buchanan Middle School Principal, 695-8406).

Inquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington D. C. 20201. The District Coordinator, on request, will provide a copy of the District's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure. A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations on which this notice is based may be found in the District's Superintendent's Office. In accordance with Federal law, any person employed by this District must provide evidence that they are eligible to work in the United States.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION ON STUDENTS & FERPA

In compliance with Federal regulations, the Buchanan School District has established the following guidance concerning student records:

- The building principal is the Records Control Officer for the building and is responsible for the processing and maintenance of all student records.
- Each student's records will be kept in a confidential file. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, adult student (18 yrs. of age or older), and those designated by Federal law of District regulations.
- A parent, guardian, or adult student has the right to request a change or addition to a student's records and to either obtain a hearing with District officials or file a complaint with the U.S. Office of Education if not satisfied with the accuracy of the records, or with the District's compliance with the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA). See 5309-F-1 in the online board policy library.
- The District has established the following information about each student as "directory information" and will make it available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the school principal in writing within ten (10) days from the date of this notification that they will not permit distribution of any or all such information: student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, photograph, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of athletic team members, dates of attendance, date of graduation and awards received, and any other information the District considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.
- A copy of policy 5309 is available at the Superintendent's office. There will also be a person available to answer any questions concerning the policy or guidelines. All board policies are located online at <https://www.buchananschools.com/board-of-education/board-policy-library/>

ANTI-BULLYING

All types of bullying, including cyberbullying, without regard to subject matter or motivation are prohibited.

PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING SEX EDUCATION AND AIDS CLASSES

The Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive Health Education Program which includes education on human sexuality and venereal and non-casual-contact communicable diseases such as AIDS. It is designed to provide an appropriate means for students to acquire the knowledge, skill, and attitudes necessary to maintain good health.

In compliance with State law and with its desire to maintain effective communication with parents and the community, the Board has made arrangements for the programs and instructional materials to be available for review by any parents or interested members of the community. If you wish to review any or all of the programs, please contact the principal of your child's school. After reviewing the programs, if you wish to discuss them, please contact the principal or the school office. Your child is required to participate in these courses, but the law allows you the right to have your child excused from participating in classes that include instruction in sex education, reproductive health, family planning, and AIDS education. The Board's policy is to honor parents' written requests that their child be excused from certain classes in any course. We encourage you to personally review the program lessons and materials.

PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND OTHER SERIOUS ILLNESSES THAT CAN AFFECT PRE-TEENS

Pre-teens and adolescents need vaccines to protect them from serious illnesses. Immunizations begin at birth and continue throughout life. These shots are an important step to maintain your child's health.

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria that infects the blood or tissues around the brain and spinal cord.

- This germ can be spread from person to person by close contact.
- Common symptoms include a fever, rash, headache, or stiff neck.
- It can lead to brain damage, disability, and death.
- Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) can protect children and adolescents from this disease.
- This vaccine is usually given to 11-12-year-olds (6th graders).
- Because it is a newer vaccine, older adolescents may not have received it. Teens that have not had Meningococcal vaccine should be given a dose.
- Ask your child's health care provider if they need the Meningococcal vaccine.

To obtain the Meningococcal vaccine and other immunizations for your child, see your child's health care provider or your local health department.

For more information about the Meningococcal vaccine or other immunizations, talk to your child's health care provider or call your local health department. Information is also available at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

There are vaccines that can protect pre-teens and adolescents from other serious diseases. Sixth graders and teens need the following shots if they have not received them:

- 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)
- 1 dose of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis vaccine (DTP, DTaP, Tdap)
- 3 doses of human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV4 - for girls only)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine (HepB)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR)
- 2 doses of chicken pox vaccine (var), if they did not have the disease
- At least 3 doses of polio vaccine (IPV or OPV)
- Some children & teens may need hepatitis A and flu vaccine

The Michigan Department of Education in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Community Health is required by law (2005 PA240, MCL380.1177a) to develop and make available to schools information on Meningococcal Meningitis.

CONCUSSION AWARENESS

A student cannot participate in a school-sponsored or operated athletic activity until the student and their parent have each received and read the concussion fact sheet for students and the concussion fact sheet for parents, respectively. Both the student and parent must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the fact sheet or other concussion awareness educational material. At a minimum, schools must keep these acknowledgment forms in a permanent file as long as the student participates in a school-sponsored athletic activity.

MEMORANDUM TO PARENTS REGARDING SCHOOL BOARD POLICY ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS & USE OF DETECTION DOGS

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be considered a "look-alike" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbook, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State laws, the District will also notify law enforcement officials. The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which they receive help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed. The District may use a detection dog, without a warrant or consent, to sniff property in an effort to locate illegal drugs or contraband according to the protocol in policy 3107. If a detection dog alerts on a person's property, the alert will constitute reasonable suspicion for a District administrator to search the property.

PARENT NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE SPRAY ON SCHOOL PREMISES

State of Michigan law requires schools that may apply pesticides on school property to provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians or students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Buchanan Community Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or reducing an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Application of pesticides will be performed only by certified or registered applicators where and when required. If a pesticide is applied in a building, students will not occupy the room for a minimum of four hours. At the time of application, a sign will be posted for 48 hours near the building's primary point of entry. When a pesticide is applied to school district grounds, the application will not be made within 100 feet of occupied classrooms, and flags will be inserted in the ground to mark the application area.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance of the school to which the pesticide application is being made. The second method will be by posting on the school's website at www.buchananschools.com.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first-class mail, please contact Mark Kurland, Director of Operations & Instructional Systems Coordinator at 269-695-8400 ext. *20005 or mkurland@buchananschools.com.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Kurland directly at 269-695-8400 ext. *20005 or mkurland@buchananschools.com.

PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Buchanan Community Schools is subject to regulations from OSHA to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace. These regulations are designed to protect employees of the District who are, or could be exposed, to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties.

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District requests the person who was bleeding consent to be tested for HBV and HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

The law does not require parents or guardians to grant permission for the examination of their child's blood, but it does require the District to request that consent. Although we expect that incidents of exposure will be few, we wanted to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way, if the situation does develop you will understand the reason for our request and will have had an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper precautions and cooperation we can prevent them from spreading. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 269-695-8401.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AND PARENTAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Board of Education respects the privacy right of parents and their children (policy 5308). No student shall be required as a part of the school program or the District's curriculum without the prior written consent of the student, (if an adult or an emancipated minor) or, if an unemancipated minor, their parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- political affiliations or beliefs of the student or their parents;
- mental or physical problems of the student or their family;
- sex behavior or attitudes;
- illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close, family relationships;
- legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or their parents;
- or income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures are established whereby parents may inspect any material used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation.

Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal.

PA 158, WEAPON-FREE SCHOOL ZONE LEGISLATION

Under PA 158, any person who assaults another person with less than the intent to commit murder or to inflict bodily harm, with a gun, revolver, pistol, knife, iron bar, club, brass knuckles, or other dangerous weapons in a weapon-free school zone, is guilty of a felony punishable by one or more of the following:

- Imprisonment for not more than four years
- Community service for not more than 150 hours
- A fine of not more than \$6,000

A parent of a minor is guilty of a misdemeanor if they have custody of the minor, the minor has a weapons violation in a weapon-free school zone, and the parent knows that the minor would violate the firearms act or acts to further the violation. The misdemeanor is punishable by one or more of the following:

- Fine of not more than \$2,000
- Community service for not more than 100 hours
- Probation

The law also provides that anyone in possession of a weapon in a weapon-free school zone is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by one or more of the following:

- Imprisonment for not more than 93 days
- Community service for not more than 100 hours
- Fine of not more than \$2,000

COORDINATORS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND REVIEW OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 504 and ADA - Callie Campbell, Director of Special Education, 269-695-8442

Title IX and Title VI - Brian Pruett, Buchanan High School Principal, 269-695-8404 ext. *20012 and Shelby Beasley Buchanan Middle School Principal, 269-695-8406 ext. *32107

School Lunch - Becky Kaltenbach, 269-695-8415

PERMISSION TO UTILIZE

As a part of a media presentation produced by this District via computerized, audio-visual, or other types of electronic communication, students and/or their schoolwork products may be photographed, video or digitized. These photographs, videos, digitized works, or other items may be made available to other educational institutions, broadcast mediums, or through the internet. As a result, a student's image, name, work product, school, or grade may be revealed in the presentation unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the building principal in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this notification that they will not permit the use of such material.

PARENTS RIGHT TO REVIEW TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

As a parent of a student at Buchanan Community Schools, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Michigan Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects they teach.
- Whether the Michigan Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Buchanan Community Schools at 269-695-8401.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO INSPECT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Requests to review curriculum, textbooks, and instructional materials must be made to the building principal.

CTE PARENT NOTIFICATION

Additional support services are available to special population students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes through the Perkins III initiative. For additional information, please contact Dawn Huff at 269-695-8400 ext. *20013.

TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Consistent with policy 3115, the District prohibits unlawful sex discrimination, including harassment and retaliation, in any of its education programs or activities in accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations.

HOMELESS LIAISON

The homeless liaison will coordinate services to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed.

Brandon Flowers, BCS Homeless Liaison
bflowers@buchananschools.com
269-695-8403 ext. *20018

2025 BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR

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Pursuant to Public Acts No. 451, Article I, Part 3, Section 115, Paragraph (1), the calendar for the Buchanan Board of Education is hereby published.

Meetings will be called for 6:00 pm, unless advertised differently.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE BUCHANAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, August 11

Regular Meeting

Middle School

Monday, September 15

Regular Meeting

High School

Monday, October 20

Regular Meeting

High School

Monday, November 17

Regular Meeting

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Monday, December 15

Regular Meeting

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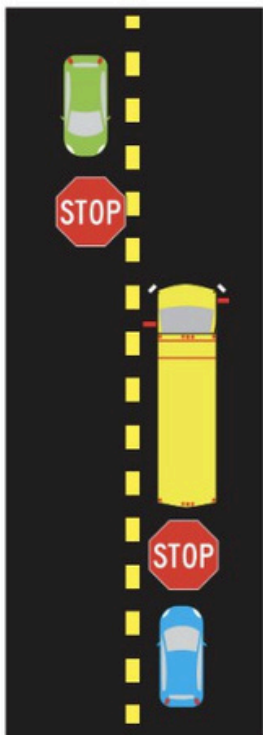
January - July

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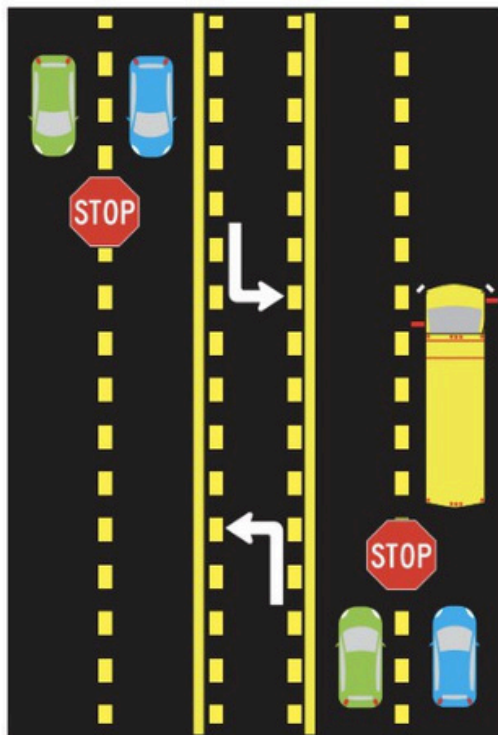
Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting. mmunyon@buchananschools.com

RED FLASHING LIGHTS SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS



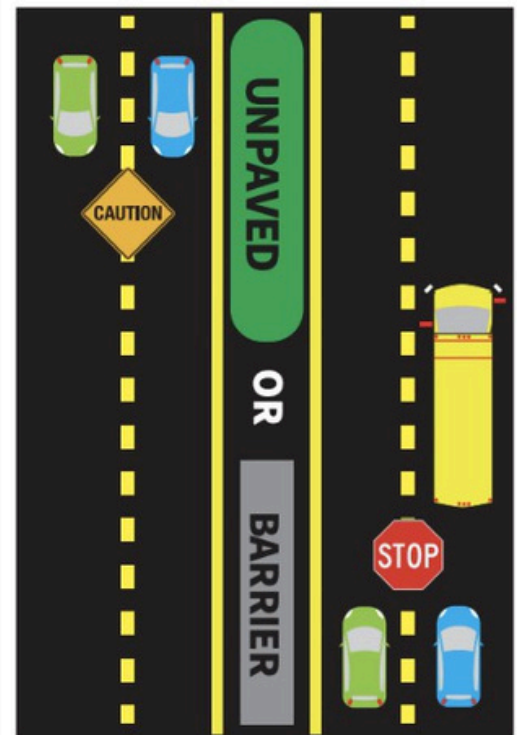
TWO LANE

Vehicles traveling in both directions
MUST stop.



MULTI-LANE PAVED ACROSS

Vehicles traveling in both directions
MUST stop.



DIVIDED HIGHWAY

Unpaved space 5 ft+ / raised median / physical barrier.
Vehicles behind bus MUST stop.
Vehicles traveling in the opposite
direction must proceed with caution.



2025-2026 District Calendar

PD = Professional Development
Early Release Every Wednesday

July 2025						
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July		Independence Day
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January 2026						
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January		New Year's Day
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1-2		No School - Students & Staff - Winter Recess
19		No School - Students & Staff - MLK Day
30		No School - Students - District PD

August 2025						
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August		11-16 Berrien County Youth Fair
18		Welcome Back Staff!
19-20		District PD
25		First Day of School - Welcome Back Students!
29		No School - Students & Staff

February 2026						
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February		13 No School - Students & Staff
14		Valentine's Day
16		No School - Students & Staff - President's Day

September 2025						
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September		1 No School - Students & Staff - Labor Day
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March 2026						
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March		4 End of 3rd Quarter
25		Full Day - Evening Conferences
26		1/2 Day - Students - Afternoon Conferences
27		No School - Students & Staff
30-31		No School - Students & Staff - Spring Break

October 2025						
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October		10 No School - Students - District PD
15		End of 1st Quarter
22		Full Day - Evening Conferences
23		1/2 Day - Students - Afternoon & Evening Conferences
24		1/2 Day - Students & Staff
31		Halloween

April 2026						
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April		1-3 No School - Students & Staff - Spring Break
3		Good Friday
5		Easter
24		No School Students - District PD

November 2025						
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November		11 Veterans Day
26-28		No School - Students & Staff - Thanksgiving Break
27		Thanksgiving

May 2026						
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May		10 Mother's Day
22		No School - Students & Staff
25		No School - Students & Staff - Memorial Day

December 2025						
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December		18 1/2 Day - Students / Teacher Records Day
19		1/2 Day - Students / Teacher Records Day
22-31		No School - Students & Staff - Winter Recess
24		Christmas Eve
25		Christmas Day
31		New Year's Eve

June 2026						
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June		3 1/2 Day - Students / Teacher Records Day
4		1/2 Day - Students/Teacher Records Day/Last Day of School
14		Flag Day
19		Juneteenth
21		Father's Day





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BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

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