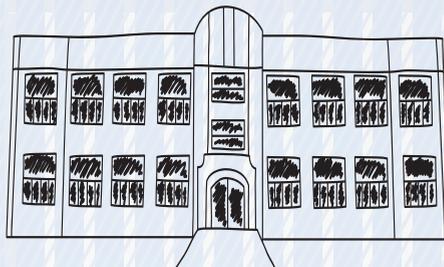


Michigan-Made ISDs

Everywhere, Efficient, Effective, Equitable and Essential

Adding Value to Today's Schools & Communities



ISDs are the only educational entities with 100% access to every public school to ensure implementation of six core services:

Early Childhood

Technology Services

Teaching & Learning

Student Services

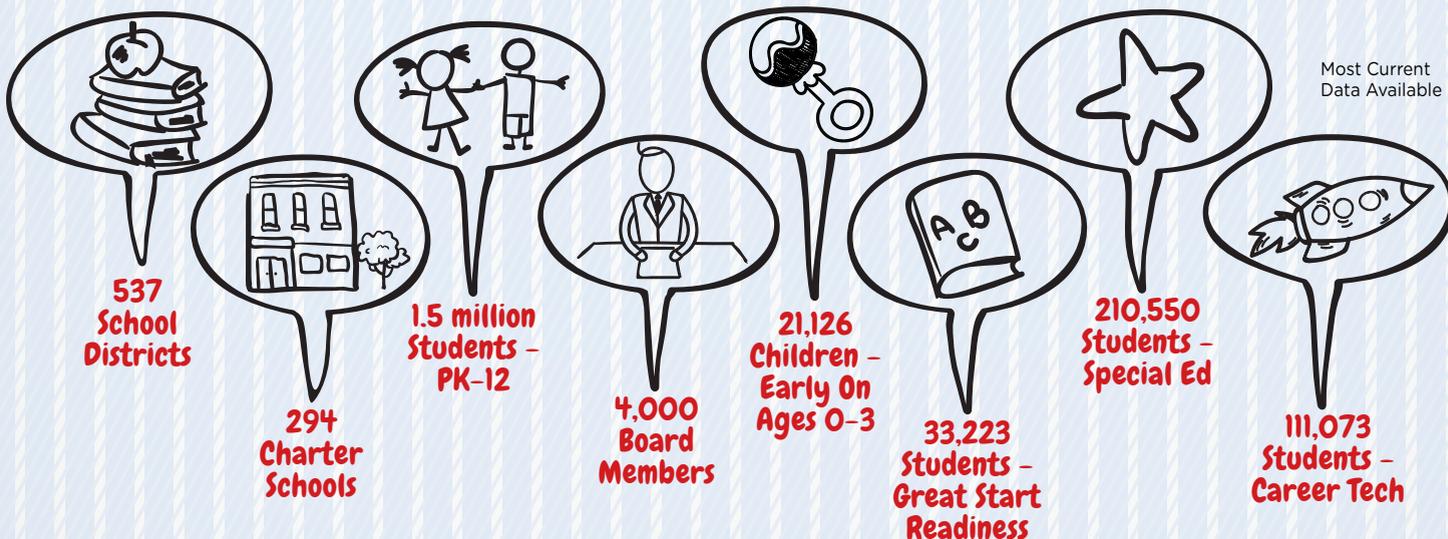
Shared Operational Services

Developing Partnerships

ISDs provide a readily-accessible, statewide system to meet current and future education needs.

Serving Students & Schools

By law, ISDs serve all public schools in Michigan's 83 counties.



ISD Factoid

For nearly 60 years, ISDs have provided student-centered, data-driven, expanded educational opportunities.

Maximizing Resources

Quality, efficiency, and cost containment are the hallmark of ISDs as they help districts share services in technology, instruction, transportation, business, communication and support services, teacher and school staff training, and purchasing.

One ISD, which processes the billing for 28 local public school districts and two public school academies for Medicaid-eligible students receiving special education services, saved schools \$7,913,061 through Medicaid revenue.



Examples:



Another ISD reduced ISD-wide special transportation contract costs by \$1.7 million dollars per year over the last 10 years, for a total of \$17 million to date. This was achieved by developing a vendor contract that incorporates industry best practices based on input from a national expert. Ongoing contract monitoring assures safe and efficient daily transportation for 900 students with special needs to over 100 program sites throughout the service area.



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More examples on back

Developing Partnerships

ISDs are often key partners in local economic development through their community ties with colleges and universities, businesses, industries, and human service agencies.

For Example: A regional collaboration between area employers, civic and community organizations, and one ISD and its member schools, incorporates teacher training in Project-based Learning, Design Thinking and innovative partnerships. This allows students to gain real-world experiences and employability skills for success in the 21st century workforce while working on site at employer facilities.



Training Teachers

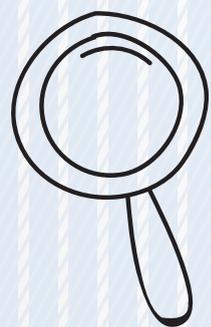
ISDs offer literally thousands of training sessions each year to educators, keeping them up on the latest research and teaching methods.

For Example: One ISD supports 16 local districts across five counties with instructional best practices and student learning through strategic work with a regional implementation of the Marzano Teacher Evaluation Model. This ISD lends support to ISDs across the State of Michigan in any of the state-appointed teacher evaluation models through on-site coaching support.

Leading Technology

ISDs often manage the area's fiber network, provide internet access, obtain lower costs for computer hardware and software, provide internet safety filters, purchase digital collections, promote online and digital learning options, and provide technical support.

Two ISDs combined technology services to provide schools technology staffing from computer support technicians to network engineers. In addition, they provide internet bandwidth to 30 schools and host over 300 servers improving collaborative technology services in their region, saving districts over \$500,000 in the first year.



Specialized Services

Local school districts depend on ISDs to meet ever-growing needs in Early Childhood (0-5) and Parent Education, Special Education (0 to age 26), Career and Technical Education, Career Preparation, Talent Development, Literacy and Math Essentials/Coaching, Online and Digital courses, Early/Middle College, Student Activities, Extended Day, Alternative and Adult Education programs, and Court-Involved Youth and Homeless Education programs.

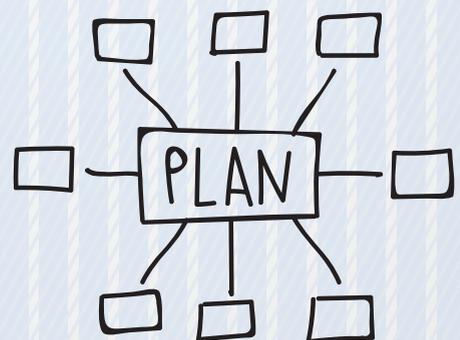
For Example: One ISD provides prevention services for a tri-county area offering programs and trainings such as signs of suicide, teen parent case management, pregnancy prevention and peer assistance leaders with over 29 participating school buildings – showing how students can support students.

One ISD has been focused on securing meaningful employment for students with disabilities. In a Project SEARCH environment, an employer provides internships for students to experience a work environment and find a good fit for the future. Through the Project SEARCH program, the ISD has secured employment for every participating student after graduation.

Another Example:

School Improvement, Assessments & Mandates

ISDs help member districts follow often-complex state and federal education standards, meet state and federal requirements, secure grants, measure student performance and growth, and assist low performing schools.



For Example: One ISD, using dollars awarded by the Michigan Department of Education for priority schools, worked with all the priority schools in its largest urban setting to improve student outcomes. By the second year, all of those school buildings were removed from the priority list.

These are some of the many ways today's ISDs serve rural, suburban, and urban school districts and public school academies.

To learn more about the integral role of ISDs in education, visit: www.gomaisa.org



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