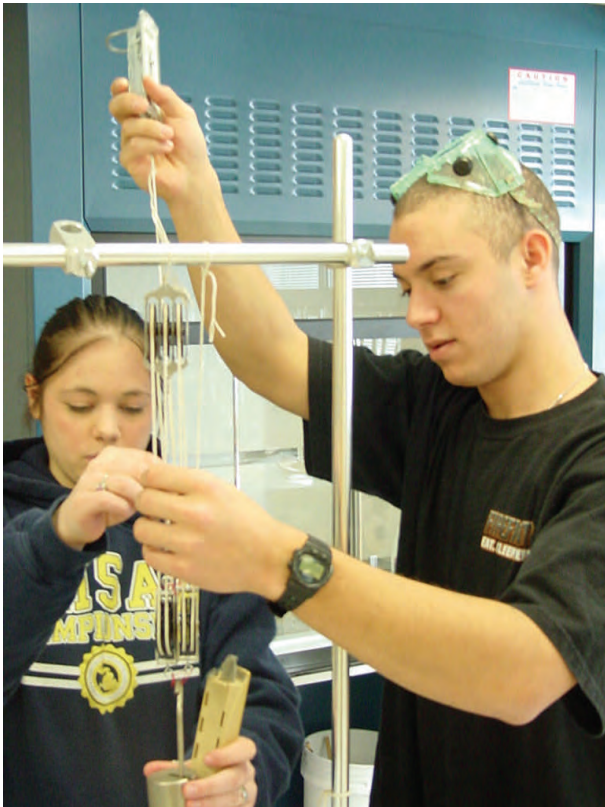


*A Safe Place to Grow . . .
A Great Place to Learn*



Montague Area Public Schools serves approximately 1,500 students in three buildings.

Oehrli Elementary School	Pre-K through 5
NBC Middle School	6-8
Montague High School	9-12

Montague is a relatively small district where teachers and support staff care for and encourage children. They nurture the learning process while challenging students to meet high standards of achievement. The size of the district allows teachers to know students well and personalize their instruction.

Students are challenged to master fundamental academic skills—reading, writing, mathematics—as well as advanced skills that will help them thrive in today’s world. School is more than academics, though, and ours is a district in which traditional values of respect, responsibility, hard work, caring for others, and cooperation are upheld. Global awareness in a changing world, efficient use of information, preservation of natural resources, and increased productivity through technology are contemporary values brought to life through practical applications in district classrooms.

As you read this brochure you will learn that through all of the programs offered, through all of the work to continuously improve teaching and learning, staff, students, parents, and community work together to make our schools a safe place to grow and a great place to learn. If you are looking for quality instruction and an orderly environment our schools may be a good fit for you and your children.



with activity year around and is a particularly popular destination for tourists in the summer months. Today the area is known for industry, farming, and tourism. Major employers in the area include Master Tag, Howmet Corporation, Hayes-Lemmerz, Shellcast, Perrigo, and Kurdziel Iron.

White Lake is the heart of a resort area featuring fishing, swimming, boating, sailing, hiking, bicycling, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. The City of Montague is located at the south end of Michigan’s Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail State Park. Cyclists, joggers, and walkers enjoy 22 miles of west Michigan’s beautiful countryside as they journey the trail.

FACILITIES SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT

The district’s schools have been completely renovated and are technologically up-to-date. Classrooms have the latest technology including data projectors mounted in each high school classroom as a teaching tools that enable whole classes to have access to the Internet, cable news and educational programming.

Media centers in each school house thousands of print volumes as well as enough computers to accommodate research at any level. The centers support academic instruction and enrich the learning environment for students.

The premier life science, fine arts and outside athletic facilities located at MHS are available to all students in the district. A new greenhouse center has enriched studies in the biology, life science, and agri-science programs. Students research plant and animal life, as well as the environment. Studies have



included the growth rate of several species of fish, poultry, and plants under varying environmental conditions in the center.

A new auditorium seats 780 and has a large stage area, exceptional acoustics, lighting, and sound systems. A new football/track complex compliments baseball and softball fields. Veterans Memorial Field has been improved and is one of the few lighted soccer facilities in the conference. New seating for fans as well as its own restrooms and a concessions facility have been added.

Our students grow socially, emotionally and physically in an environment that is both orderly and nurturing. Three-fourths of our students participate in extracurricular programs.

Because of our size, students have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of athletic activities. Visual arts as well as instrumental and choral music programs thrive. Successful FFA (agriculture) and DECA (marketing) leadership programs are recognized nationally as well as statewide. These programs embody the determination of MAPS to help each student grow in leadership skills, confidence, and self-

*Montague
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Public
Schools*



*... on the shores of
White Lake*

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT!

Montague, located about 20 miles north of Muskegon, is nestled between scenic White Lake and spectacular Lake Michigan. School district boundaries extend from White Lake northward through northern Muskegon County and into Oceana County. The district encompasses more than 120 square miles of beautiful lakes, lush forests, rich farmland, pleasant parks, and friendly communities.

Known by many as the “gem” of Muskegon County, the White Lake area bustles

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“... school officials did it right when they built Montague’s new football stadium.”
Muskegon Chronicle
November 9, 2004

R. R. Oehrli Elementary School

Oehrli Elementary School is home to about 650 students from pre-kindergarten to grade 5. Additional pre-school services include Headstart, Michigan School Readiness and an Early Childhood Special Education Program.

Oehrli School provides a complete and balanced program of instruction for all students. Emphasis is placed on mathematics, reading and language arts as well as science and social studies. Basic skills instruction is supported with quality programs in physical education, music, and art. Collaborative academic programs are operated with the high school in reading and science.

Title I services are provided for students who qualify. Technology resources strengthen learning opportunities for students in classrooms and through regular use of the computer lab.

In addition, the district provides specialists who work with teachers and students. A health aide and a school counselor are available to our students throughout the school



day. Other support services include a school psychologist, social worker, speech therapists, physical and occupational therapists.

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in the school. One way they can do so is through the Oehrli Parents' Cooperative (OPC). OPC provides volunteer help in the school and engages in creative fund raisers to provide financial assistance to support school activities and programs. Oehrli staff, parents and the school district community work together to create a nurturing learning environment for all students.

"Kidstop," our before and after school child care program, provides parents a safe and affordable place for their children to engage in fun, meaningful activities so that they can meet their own work schedules. "Kidstop" is provided through the White Lake Community Education program.

Oehrli is a community facility that is open evenings and weekends for specific activities. Enrichment classes and after school athletics programs are often available.

Nellie B. Chisholm Middle School

Students entering NBC Middle School as sixth graders begin a transition from youth to adulthood. This is a critical time in their development and much is done to assure this is a positive step in their school experience.

Parents have many opportunities to play active roles in school life. They are encouraged to communicate regularly with teachers and school staff in an effort to ensure the success of their children. Parents are urged to become actively involved by volunteering in the school and for extra-curricular events.

Academic instruction focuses on reinforcing and building on basic skills learned in earlier grades. Development of fundamental skills is emphasized in all middle school classrooms. Instruction is based on district curriculum which is tied to state standards and benchmarks. Results on MEAP tests and district assessments show that our students leave the middle school prepared for high school and excited about learning.

The curriculum includes instruction in language arts, mathematics, science and social

studies. These subject areas are supported by programs of instruction in computers, vocal and instrumental music, physical education/health, technology, art and journalism.

NBC Middle School is an active member in the West Michigan Conference. Students may compete in a variety of interscholastic team sports. There is also a comprehensive intramural program. Students who wish to take part in positive school related activities will find choices that meet many different interests at NBC.

In addition to the strong academic offerings and a valuable assortment of elective opportunities students are placed in an advisory period during which they get to know others, learn to work as a team and make a connection with at least one adult staff member. The advisory period helps middle school students develop a sense of belonging and worth, and encourages them to be active learners.

Middle school can be a difficult time as children begin the transition to adulthood.



Montague High School is home to approximately 500 students. Thirty-nine staff members provide high quality instructional programs and support in core classes, college prep, advanced placement and career/technical areas. Art, music, library, foreign languages, and physical education have been maintained and are integral to student programming.

All MHS teachers are highly qualified under the federal "No Child Left Behind" mandate. Over 65% hold a Master's degree or higher.

Fine arts programs provide students scholarship opportunities in instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, and writing. Other extra curricular activities include forensics, National Honor Society, yearbook, robotics, journalism and SADD.

MHS is a charter member of the West Michigan Conference offering a full selection of women's and men's athletics. Our code of conduct is expected of all students and for our extra-curricular activities.

High standards of academic performance, conduct and service to the community are long standing traditions.

Montague High School Preparing students for tomorrow today!

- MHS scores well above county and state averages in standardized testing.
- More than 85% of our graduates continue their education at colleges and universities.

Montague High School

- The entire building uses the latest technologies to enhance learning.
- Tutoring for all students is available Monday- Thursday.
- MHS students consistently perform well in county-wide writing programs.
- 2004 graduates earned more than \$450,000 in scholarships.
- The media center houses over 15,000 print volumes as well as 38 computer stations with Internet access and a complete production station.
- Two new computer labs equipped with Internet access and software applications for almost any learning experience.
- State and nationally recognized FFA and DECA programs.
- Top ten Competitive Marching band annually
- Division I and II concert band and choirs.
- Full range of boys and girls competitive athletics.
- Premier Fine Arts Center in the area.