

Get to Know Us





Who we are.

We are educators, collaborators, number crunchers, school bus drivers, techies, and relationship builders.

We are welcoming, passionate, inclusive, progressive, and dedicated to the education and success of each student in Livingston County.

Who we serve.

Our county's youngest learners.

Our Early Childhood programs focus on our youngest learners. We provide education and support services for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families.

Livingston County residents with special needs.

LESA provides services for families and students with disabilities from birth to age 26. Our team of specialists makes sure students have the tools and supports they need for their education.

Students and families in our county without a permanent residence.

We coordinate services for students so they can continue going to school. We also connect students and families with community services and housing assistance.

Students who prefer a non-traditional school environment.

Our WAY ⁺ Livingston program provides high school students a personalized educational experience. Students work at their own pace either online or at the program's learning lab, or a combination of the two.

Students exploring careers.

Our career development programs give students in elementary through high school an opportunity to explore different career paths. Students learn employment skills and gain hands-on experience. High school students can earn college credits or industry credentials.

Adult learners in our county.

Our Adult Education program helps adult students who want to complete their high school diploma, prepare for the GED exam, or strengthen their academic or job skills.

Educators.

We coordinate and deliver professional development courses that help staff expand their professional skills.

Taxpayers

County-wide education tax dollars are used to help our schools expand educational opportunities, broaden student services, and operate more efficiently through shared services and purchasing power.

Livingston ESA is a service agency specializing in education.

We were initially formed as a county school in 1942 and officially organized as an educational service agency under Michigan Law in 1962. We are a large organization, deeply rooted in the education system here in Livingston County as well as the State of Michigan.



Early Childhood

We are working with schools in our county to improve the number of students reading at a proficient level by third grade.

Third-grade reading proficiency is built on a strong foundation in early childhood. That's why we offer programs focused on our youngest learners. Our Early On, Early Childhood Special Education, and Head Start, and Great Start preschool programs and services help prepare children to enter school and succeed.

The number of third-grade students in Livingston County reading at a proficient level increased by 14.1% from 2015 to 2018¹. By assisting schools as they implement research-supported teaching practices and methods to monitor students' progress, we're supporting teachers and their efforts to further improve reading proficiency.

Services Supporting Students with Disabilities

LESA provides services to over 3,100 students with disabilities in Livingston County.

Our team of highly skilled teachers, psychologists, social workers, speech and language therapists, physical and occupational therapists, nurses, specialists and consultants, work directly in our schools with fellow educators and provide services for families and students from birth to age 26.

Work study and job placement opportunities offered through our Adult Transition program help prepare students for the transition to life after school.

We also provide specialized programs for students in Livingston County with the most complex disabilities at Pathway School. Pathway School is located on our main campus, with additional classrooms in Howell Public Schools.

Career Development

Livingston Career & Technical Education programs provide more than 3,200 students the opportunity to explore over 40 different career options, develop job skills, and gain hands-on work experience.

Students attending Livingston County Early College can earn both their high school diploma and an associate's degree, technical certificate, or license without college debt.

Livingston Career & College Access Network connects students with the education they need for their future careers and local businesses with skilled employees.

Transportation & Business Services

LESA transports 9,200 students per day, traveling over 2 million miles per year. We provide specialized transportation services for students with disabilities. Our employees operate the buses for Brighton, Hartland, Howell and Pinckney Schools, providing daily transportation to-and-from school and school-sponsored athletic and field trips.

LESA provides services that help our schools save money by managing purchasing programs for equipment and supplies that are more costly for schools to buy on their own.

¹ 2019 Kids Count in Mlchigan Data Book.

Every day, we're advancing educational excellence.

Our Vision, Mission & Strategic Goals

Our vision serves as our compass and the strategic goals our roadmap to achieve our mission. They are the direct result of the collective input from LESA staff and stakeholders, including parents, community members, district superintendents, and our Board of Education.

Our Vision

Leading the Community to Achieve Educational Excellence.

Our Mission

Promote a Culture of Educational Excellence for Livingston County through Service, Leadership, and Collaboration.

Strategic Goals

Our strategic goals are centered around narrowing the socioeconomic achievement gap, improving student opportunities to learn, advancing student literacy, and implementing strategies to minimize student social, emotional, and behavior problems.

How can we help you?

We have a dedicated staff-person ready to answer your question. Call or text 517.546.5550, or send an email to Help@LivingstonESA.org

Connect with us.











How to find us.

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