

MICHIGAN-MADE ISDs

Advancing Our Students & Schools

AT WORK IN TODAY'S SCHOOLS



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

Early Childhood

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Teaching & Learning

Student Services



Technology Services

Administrative Services



Developing Partnerships



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

SERVING STUDENTS & SCHOOLS



By law, **56** ISDs serve all schools in Michigan's **83** counties.

Most Current Data Available



549
School Districts



1.6 million
Students
Ages 5-18



20,085
Early On
Ages 0-3



208,248
Students -
Special Ed



314
Charter
Schools



4,000
Board
Members



22,903
Great Start
Readiness



118,583
Students -
Career Tech

ISD FACTOID

For more than 50 years, ISDs have provided student-centered, data-driven, expanded educational opportunities.

SAVING SCHOOLS MONEY



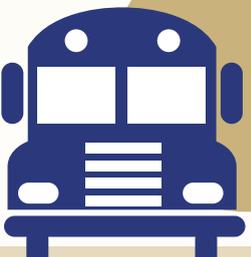
Quality, efficiency, and cost containment are the hallmark of ISDs as they help districts share services in technology, instruction, transportation, business services, teacher training and purchasing.

For Example:

In one recent school year, an ISD saved local school districts nearly \$2 million in software and supply costs through its regional cooperative purchasing bid program. In that ISD, districts also saved another \$341,000 on technology licenses through the program.



Each ISD works with its local school districts to develop the mix of products and programs to maximize benefits for that area. More than a year ago, a school district asked its ISD to provide Special Education transportation. The ISD saved the district \$291,000 in one year alone.



More examples on back

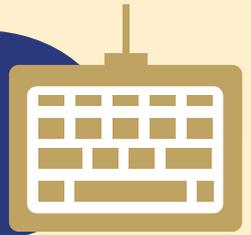
DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS



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:

One ISD and Michigan Works! provide employers, workers and job seekers a “one-stop” system for employment, education, and training services. The ISD also participates in the Michigan Works! system to help prepare young people for employment.



TRAINING TEACHERS



ISDs offer literally thousands of training sessions each year to educators, keeping them up on the latest research and teaching methods. ISDs help member districts follow often-complex state and federal educational standards. ISDs are a tool the state uses to help its lowest-performing schools.

For Example:



Two Michigan ISDs have taught 1,594 teachers in 15 school districts to improve reading skills of adolescents. In one year alone, classrooms using this technique raised reading comprehension scores at 2 to 4 times the rate of a typical classroom.

In the past five years, one ISD helped drive a 16% decrease in the need for Special Education services in its area by focusing on additional preschool-age support and teacher training, which netted \$13 million in savings.

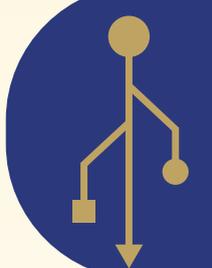


LEADING TECHNOLOGY



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.

For Example:



One ISD maintains the online infrastructure and provides technical support to 16 local districts, saving each district up to \$200,000 a year. Additionally, the ISD has negotiated the use of more than 1,667 online courses and teacher-led digital curriculum for the benefit of more than 4,000 students statewide who have enrolled in more than 16,000 online courses in the last year.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES



Local school districts depend on ISDs to meet ever-growing needs in Special Education, Career and Technical Education, Tech Prep, Career Preparation, Talent Development, online and digital courses, Math and Science Centers, Extended Day and Alternative Education programs, and Court-Involved Youth and Homeless Education programs.

For Example:

In 2010-11, the Homeless Education Program in one ISD helped more than 1,300 homeless students stay in school and get help.



These are some of the many ways today’s ISDs serve urban, suburban, and rural K-12 school districts.

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