



# ANCHOR BAY TODAY

Spring 2023 ~ Promoting educational excellence, community collaboration, and student success

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## Message From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As we begin work on implementing our new strategic plan and bond initiatives, I wanted to take a moment to share our plan to greater incorporate career preparation into classrooms across the various grade levels over the next decade.

At the elementary level, the plan is to develop a system where students can begin to get exposure to a wide variety of careers. This would include having professionals from various vocations and industries work as mentors and judges for design and problem-solving challenges. Students will learn and experience different career fields as they work alongside business partners while focusing on 21st Century skills such as public speaking, working in teams, creative problem-solving, and multi-step project organization. Makerspaces will enable students to design and build solutions under the guidance of the mentor, and then present to a panel of educators and industry professionals that will evaluate their projects.

In middle school, students will have the opportunity to take introductory courses in various career areas and begin examining career interests and aptitudes. These one-term courses will enable students to experience a broad spectrum of career fields. Design and problem-solving challenges will be more industry focused, and students will have opportunities to begin job shadowing and attending field trips into workplaces to broaden their horizons of various career fields and to change their perceptions of high-demand career pathways. Students will progress according to competencies instead of by age, thus ensuring they have developed the skills and aptitudes necessary for their chosen career interests.

Finally, at the high school level, all students will have the opportunity to take career and college readiness courses and could graduate with college credits, career experiences, or industry-recognized certifications that will enable them to gain above entry-level positions in their chosen career field. Core courses will be designed to address industry-focused competencies, and students wanting to earn a degree or certification will be able to earn college credits and internship experiences that will give them real-world, practical experience in their career pathway.

We look forward to working with our local businesses and college partners over the next several years to develop these opportunities, and we thank the community for its support in making it possible for our students.

**Phil Jankowski**  
Superintendent



### ABHS Junior to Represent Michigan as a National Youth Correspondent

Brianna Bielat will be attending the Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University this summer as a National Youth Correspondent. Bielat joins a select group of students from all over the country for an intensive study of journalism and media. This is an amazing opportunity to represent our school and the state of Michigan in this prestigious conference.

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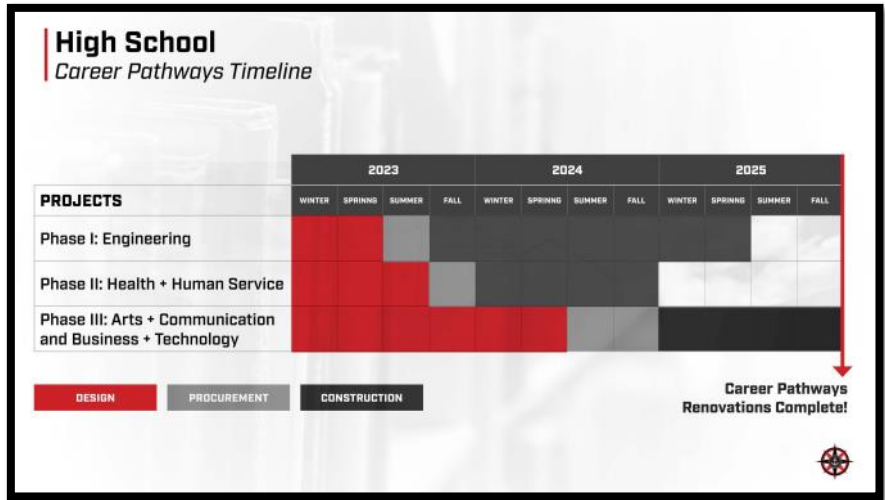
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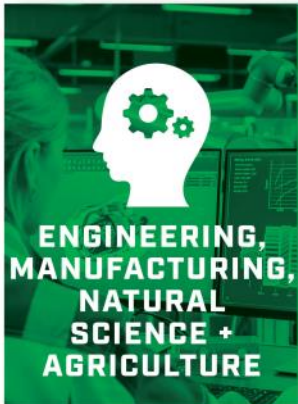
# What are Career Pathways?

Anchor Bay, through the passing of the 2022 Bond, will be implementing Career Pathways for students. Some of the first bond renovation work will create the Career Pathway Framework including locating all 16 CTE programs at Anchor Bay High School. This reconfiguring of the CTE programs will not only bolster Anchor Bay students' opportunities, it will also allow for the district to integrate Career Exploration Classes for all K-12 students.

Why are career pathways important in school? It allows students to connect what they are learning in the classroom to possible future careers. Pathways provide the structure to guide students toward well paying, skilled fields. Students gain education, training, and support services while they acquire marketable skills before graduation!



## CAREER PATHWAY TRACKS



- **Horticulture** - Learn about plant biology, care, and processing
- **Auto** - Prepared to take the ASE Maintenance and Light Repair Certification
- **Construction Trades** - Explore basic tool usage and safety as related to residential construction industry and electrical trades
- **Engineering** - Lean CAD, drone technologies, and 3D printing software systems
- **Hospitality Management** - Explore customer service, food production, and safety in student-run restaurant
- *Coming Soon: **Welding***



- **Medical Education** - Upon completion, students can take the Patient Care Technician Certification Exam
- **Child Studies / Teacher Cadet** - Upon completion, students can apply for Child Development Associates or Michigan Youth Development Associates certificate
- **JROTC** - Learn leadership, build character, and serve the community through different service opportunities
- *Coming Soon: **EMT***



- **Broadcasting** - Explore elements of broadcasting, video production, and digital media
- **Web Design** - Learn how to create and manage webpages
- **Graphic Arts** - Explore elements of graphic design and printing by creating print material



- **Finance/Accounting** - Get introduced to accounting from entrepreneurship to corporate accounting
- **Marketing** - Learn practical skills in a field that is expecting 9.8% career growth by 2031
- **Business Management** - Qualify for college credit through Articulation Agreements with various area colleges and universities
- **Computer Programming** - Learn programs in Python, C++, and Java!
- **Cyber Security** - Explore concepts like internet safety, information protection, and cryptic coding





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## Teachers of the Year for 2022-23

Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year: Jennifer Dixon, Angela Matthews, and Paula VanHeusden!



## All - County Academic

Congratulations to our All-County Academic winner Jacob Tkaczyk.

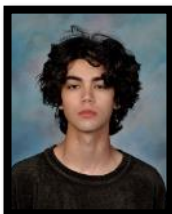


## National Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to Nolan Connolly and Adam Smith for receiving recognition in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Nolan Connolly



Adam Smith

## Kaleidoscope Winners for 2022-23



**Our Michigan Reading Association's Kaleidoscope winners for 2022-23 were recognized at the March Board of Education meeting. These deserving students are now published authors. Congratulations!!**

- Lighthouse- "My Papa's Stroke" by Adalynn Sommers
- Ashley - "The Gingerbread Man" by Lillian Cintron
- Great Oaks - "Tormato" by Antonia Petronski
- Maconce - "Magnolia" by Aleeya McCauley
- Lottie - "The Amazing Save" by Charlotte Mitchell
- Naldrett - "Fire" by Keaton Diaz
- MSS - "Great Wolf Lodge" by Morgan Brault
- MSN - "Maybe Next Time" by Kiley Gornicki

*Congratulations to Our*

**2021-22 Reward Schools:**  
Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary  
Great Oaks Elementary  
Francois Maconce Elementary  
Lighthouse Elementary

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## Instrumental Music Update

Our Instrumental Music Department had a very successful festival season. The Anchor Bay High School Jazz Ensemble and the White and Red ABHS Jazz Combos on earning a 1st Division "Superior" Rating at State Jazz Festival. The state event gives the Anchor Bay Jazz Program lots to be proud of and elevates the long standing legacy of excellence in the Anchor Bay Bands.

The Anchor Bay Concert Ensembles also had outstanding performances at MSBOA District 16 Festival. The Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert/Cadet Band all received an Overall 1st Division "Superior" Rating and the 9th Grade Symphonic Band earned an Overall 2nd Division "Excellent" Rating. All of our ABHS Bands earned straight A's in Sight-Reading this year.

Congratulations also to Melanie Cole, Riley Rhoads, Juliana Prange, Ashlee Roberts, Aiden Evans, Melissa Kret, Landon Jeffrey, Paul Becker, Gavin Billore, Winston Fell, George Mavis, Sophia Latona, Paige Jamerino, Madison Regier, Madison Littlejon, Emily Wright, Riley Clancy, Lexi Henkel, Olivia Piesko, Addison Nigro, Kailie Gaborik, Brayden Washburn, Kash Lang, Lynsey Brearley, on 1st Division "Superior" Performances at State Solo and Ensemble. Also earning Medals for 2nd Division "Excellent" Ratings, are Madelyn Scaife, Olivia Piesko, Logan Tokarski, Lillian Kittleson, and Luke Bowman. Congratulations to everyone who qualified for State Solo and Ensemble and all of our successful band students who keep the tradition of musical excellence going here at Anchor Bay!



## Inspiring Future Musicians



4th and 5th graders visited Middle School South to see a special performance of the Anchor Bay Jazz Ensemble. Students had a chance to ask the band members questions about their instruments.



## Celebrating Student Success

### Mock Trial

The Anchor Bay High School Mock Trial team competed at the Michigan Mock Trial State Finals on March 18. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> appearance of an Anchor Bay team at the state finals in 13 years. The team worked hard on this year's case for 5 months before presenting it. Students portrayed attorneys and witnesses in a criminal trial and took on either the prosecution or defense side against other schools. The students had to learn the law regarding the case and mock trial rules. Students learn public speaking skills and how to adapt to different situations in the trial all while presenting the case in a real courtroom in Lansing in front of a judge and jury.

These brilliant young legal scholars are now ranked as one of the top ten teams in the state.

### DECA

The High School DECA Chapter had 38 competitors attend the Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference in Detroit. Students had the opportunity to compete, network, and develop their business and leadership skills. Students Jacob Tkaczyk, Samantha Muzia, Sydney Nelson, and Ishaan Jain received medals for their role-plays and were named State Finalist. Aidan French and Ishaan Jain received medals for placing in the top five for their comprehensive exam scores.

The Chapter was also recognized with an award for largely increasing membership this school year.

### BPA

Congratulations to all BPA members who competed at the state leadership conference in Grand Rapids. Chloe Osterman won and will serve as the state level secretary/treasurer. Tristan Duffey was awarded 7th in the state for Graphic Design Promotion. Jacob Lacota, Miki Lentini, and Dominic Ouvry earned 6th place for Administrative Support Team.





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## 2022-23 Calendar

Get all Calendar Events on our website [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net).

May 2	Professional Development Day – No Students in Attendance
May 26	Half day for all students
May 29	No School – Memorial Day
June 7	Half Day Middle and High School – Exams (PM Teacher Records Day), Full Day Elementary
June 8	Half Day All Students – Middle and High School Exams (Teacher Records Day)
June 9	Last day of School – Half Day for all Students – Middle and High School Exams, (Teacher Early Release)

## 2023-24 Calendar

Aug. 29	Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
Aug. 30	Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
Sept. 5	Student First Day - Half Day for all Students, PM Teacher Work Day
Nov. 7	No School - Election Day
Nov. 10	Half Day Elementary Students
Nov. 17	Half Day All Students
Nov. 20 - 21	Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
Nov. 22 - 24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27	School Resumes
Dec. 25 - Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break
Jan. 3	School Resumes
Jan. 15	No School MLK Day - Teacher Professional Development Day
Jan. 24	Half Day Middle School and High School, PM Teacher Records Day
Jan. 25	Half day for all Students, PM Teacher Records Day
Jan. 26	Half day for all Students
Feb. 16 - 19	No School - Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 20	School Resumes
Mar. 25-Apr. 1	No School - Spring Break
April 2	School Resumes
May 8	Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
June 5	Half Day Middle and High School, PM Teacher Records Day
June 6	Half Day for all Students, PM Teacher Records Day
June 7	Last day of School – Half Day for all Students

*Dates are Subject to Change*



**Part Time & Full Time Positions**

**Tuesday, May 2nd  
4-6pm**

**Anchor Bay High School  
Commons**

Local Employers will be  
hiring ABHS students for  
summer positions!

*Bring Your Resume &  
Dress for Success  
Some employers will be  
hiring "on the spot"!*

Questions, contact Sherry Kenward,  
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# Experience for Yourself A New Day in the Bay!



## Kindergarten Registration & Schools of Choice for the 2023-2024 School Year is Now Open!

### 3 Options for Kindergarten-Age Children

#### FULL- DAY KINDERGARTEN

- Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year in which they plan on attending Kindergarten.

#### HALF- DAY KINDERGARTEN

- Students continue on to Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade the following year based on progress.

*Full-day and half-day curriculum is based on the Michigan Standards for Kindergarten.*

#### YOUNG FIVES

- Young Fives is a full day program.
- Designed for children turning 5 years old between June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Young Fives curriculum is based on the Michigan Standards for Kindergarten modified to meet the foundational academic, social/emotional, and developmental needs for younger children.
- Students will enter Kindergarten the following school year.

~ **Schools of Choice available for all Kindergarten options!**~

#### Anchor Bay Elementary Schools offer:

- Three Options for Kindergarten-Aged Students
- K-5 Art, Music, Literacy, Physical Education, and Technology Classes
- K-5 Project Lead the Way STEM Classes

#### Anchor Bay Middle Schools offer:

- Junior Honors Academy with Classes in Math, English, Science, & Social Studies
- STEM/PLTW classes include: App Creators, Engineering in Action, Medical Detectives, Green Architecture, and Energy & the Environment
- Earn High School Credit in Full-Year Spanish & Algebra
- Full Sports Program (No Pay-to-Play Fees)
- Award Winning Band & Vocal Music Program

#### Anchor Bay High School offers:

- Honors Academy including 9 Advanced Placement Courses
- Over 50 Competitive Team Sports with No Pay-to-Play Fees
- Award Winning Theatre, Art, Band, and Choir
- JROTC Programs for 9-12 Graders
- Foreign language: French, Spanish, & German
- 16 Career Technical Education Programs

#### Strong Student Achievement & Community Support:

- Anchor Bay students scored higher than county & state averages in every area tested on Spring 2022 assessments.
- Over a Decade of Excellence: we have led the county in test scores since 2009.
- Our voters approved a \$169 million Bond Proposal in 2022

New Student Registration & School of Choice Applications for the 2023-24 School Year are available online by clicking the "Enrollment Information" Banner at **[www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net)**.

Questions? Call 586-725-2861



## ONLINE ENROLLMENT & ANNUAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

### NEW STUDENTS

New K-12 Resident and Schools of Choice students will use the pre-registration link located on the district homepage.

This online process will replace the paper enrollment and Schools of Choice application process. If you do not have access to a phone or computer to fill out the forms, a time can be scheduled to come in and fill out the forms at one of our buildings.

#### Steps:

1. Click the link to fill out the pre-registration form for **new** K-12 resident students and **new** School of Choice applicants. Current GSRP families will be given their access code to enroll for kindergarten.
2. You will receive an email confirmation that your pre-registration was received.
3. Please allow 7-10 business days for approval. We will be verifying the information you submitted on the form.
4. Once approved, you will receive an email to create your parent portal account to access the online enrollment forms.
5. Enrollment forms for your new student will be found in your parent portal.
6. Fill out the enrollment forms online. Required documents can be uploaded in the Parent Portal or you can schedule a time to drop off required documents including birth certificate, vaccination records, etc. to your building or the administration center.

#### Preschool Families:

**GSRP** will NOT use this online registration form. Please call the Early Childhood Center at 586-716-7862.

**ECSE** families need to call Special Services at 586-949-4513 for approval before doing the online enrollment process.

**WELCOME TO ANCHOR BAY!**

### EXISTING STUDENTS

#### All Returning Students

All existing Anchor Bay students will use the online process for returning to school in the fall! Parents will need to log into their parent portal account and fill out "Annual Update" forms for their students. These forms will replace the paper forms that were sent home at the beginning of the school year to confirm items such as emergency contacts and health conditions.

It will be required that every student have these forms filled out by their parent/guardian. We anticipate that this process will start in late-July. We will send out a SchoolMessenger and post information on our website and social media accounts.

**Make sure you can log into your Parent Portal account and have access to all your students!**

If you have lost your login information, please contact your school's office. Questions, contact your school office, email [enrollment@abs.misd.net](mailto:enrollment@abs.misd.net) or call (586) 725-2861.

#### Move Outs

Did you move out of the district and want to remain at Anchor Bay through Schools of Choice? Log on to your parent portal account to access the Schools of Choice form. Go to "Forms", then "Enrollment", and fill out "2023-2024 Out of district Schools of Choice Application."

#### In-District Transfers

Anchor Bay residents that are requesting a building other than their resident building can fill out the In-District Transfer form. Log on to your parent portal account to access the Schools of Choice form. Go to "Forms", then "Enrollment", and fill out "2023-2024 In District Transfer." If you do not have a parent portal account, contact your building's office to receive an access code.

**NO PAPER FORMS IN THE FALL!**