

About the ISD



Char-Em
CHARLEVOIX-EMMET ISD

Just the facts

Char-Em ISD is a regional education service agency serving the public schools of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. It is governed by a seven-member Board of Education.

Char-Em ISD serves:

- Approx. 7,600 students in 11 local public school districts, 5 private schools, and 1 public school academy.
- Thousands of students in early childhood and special education programs.
- Approx. 1,500 students in career and technical (vocational) education.
- 1,005 square miles and over 800 school personnel in the ISD area.

Career & Technical Education

Career & Technical Education is an essential component of the total educational system and is critical to our workforce development. Career Tech is provided in a variety of settings and levels including awareness of different jobs at the elementary level; middle school career exploration; high school CTE programs; and within the whole community - students and families, teachers and schools, and businesses. It includes academics, work experience, job training, career counseling, college readiness activities, and partnerships between business and education. *See all CTE programs on page 2*

Instructional Services

The Instructional Services Department offers a variety of programs and services designed to support student achievement, enrich the total educational process, as well as aligning these activities with local and ISD school improvement goals and priorities. Service areas include:

- Continuous Improvement
- Data Services
- Instructional Technology
- Leadership Development
- Literacy Coaching
- MTSS Reading & Social Emotional Behavioral Health
- Professional Learning
- Science

Special Education

Char-Em provides special education programs and related services to approx. 1,300 students with disabilities in various locations throughout the ISD. An array of instructional programs and support services are offered to students with disabilities, from birth to age 26, in collaboration with local school districts, public school academies, and non-public schools.

Diagnostic services, direct service identified in individual education program plans (IEPs), consultation with general and special education providers, and the operation of special schools and programs are some of the services provided by Char-Em ISD.

Early Childhood

Vision: It is the vision of Char-Em ISD Early Childhood that all children and their families have a quality foundation for learning that is engaging, safe and secure.

Mission: It is the mission of CEISD EC to enrich the learning environment so that all children have the opportunity to reach their potential.

The Early Childhood Education Department includes:

- Early On
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Early Learning Partnerships - Help Me Grow
- Early Childhood Education
- MiFamily Engagement Center

Professional Learning

Char-Em ISD believes that professional learning should be based on research and result in a permanent change of knowledge or behavior of the participants and their professional practice. A variety of learning opportunities are made available that support school improvement goals, educational initiatives, and personnel development and are aligned with the Michigan School Improvement Framework.

All school personnel within the Char-Em ISD service area have the opportunity to participate throughout the school year as well as during the Area-Wide Professional Learning Day traditionally held on or near Nov. 1.

PLUS Business ▪ Communications ▪ Technology ▪ Alternative Ed ▪ Transportation ▪ Pupil Accounting ▪ Families in Transition/Homeless

More about ISD services



ISDs were created in 1962 by the legislature to bring about quality and equitable educational opportunities to students and schools throughout Michigan. **Char-Em ISD** was established in 1963 and serves approximately 8,000 students and 800 school personnel over a geographic area of 1,005 square miles.

Alternative Education: Crooked Tree High School in Harbor Springs offers an alternative high school setting for students who have not found success in traditional settings. Two court-ordered programs serve adjudicated youth: Lakeview High School in Petoskey and Round Lake Education Center in Charlevoix, both co-operated by Char-Em ISD and the 7th Probate Court serving Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Career Tech: Char-Em offers dozens of CTE programs at all 11 ISD districts. Programs include: Agriculture; Audio Engineering and Video Editing, Automotive; Aviation Science & Technology; Business Management & Administration; Construction; Culinary Arts; Drafting & Design; Energy Fundamentals; Lineworker Emphasis; Future Educator Academy; Graphics and Printing; Health Occupations; Horticulture; Machine Tool; Marketing, Sales and Service; PowerSports Technology; Public Safety; TV & Film Production & Broadcasting; Unmanned Vehicles; Welding, Brazing & Soldering; and Woodworking & Furniture Making.

Communications: The Communication Services Department provides writing, editing, photography and graphic design support for district newsletters, flyers, brochures, posters, logos, presentation materials, websites, and event planning to our local districts at no cost, while managing the communication needs of the ISD itself. Communications staff also assists local districts with crisis communications on an immediate basis.

Homelessness: The Homeless Liaison assists homeless students and their families to ensure access to education for all. The liaison also assists local districts in helping families.

Supporting Effective Implementation Across Our Region: We partner directly with local school district teams to build strong, sustainable structures to embed proven practices in reading and behavior, within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Rather than creating extra work, we focus on bridging the gap between research and practice to make educators' daily efforts efficient and more effective. In addition to professional learning, we identify ways to ensure ongoing coaching, guidance, and tools are available for educators to confidently put strategies into practice. To back this work Char-Em's Regional Implementation & Improvement Team (RIIT) continuously refines regional systems to ensure our ways of work are efficient, and responsive. Ultimately, this alignment across ISD, district, and school levels ensures best practices are in place so every student experiences success.

Transportation: Char-Em ISD's Transportation Department transports approximately 120 students with special needs and early childhood students via 21 buses and 13 vans that run over 700,000 miles annually.

Billable services available to districts

Business Services: The Business Services Department provides assistance to local school districts with a wide array of services to support district operations. These services include, but are not limited to, payroll, accounts payable, budgeting, federal and state reporting, accounts receivable, training and assistance, pupil accounting, grant management, and audit preparation.

Technology: Services provided to districts through the Technology Department include student management system hosting; PowerSchool customizations; onsite network management; mobile device management; VoIP services; workstation maintenance; hosting and consultation services. A majority of districts rely on the ISD tech team for their daily technology needs.



It is the **mission** of Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District to provide leadership and services to local school districts.

It is the **vision** of Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District to be an indispensable partner with every local school district it serves.



Millages & School Funding

School funding at-a-glance

The largest funding source for schools in our area is the 18 mills paid by non-homestead property owners in Michigan. Non-homestead properties include businesses, rental property, vacation homes & commercial ag.

Homestead property owners pay 6 mills toward school funding in Michigan, the "State Education Tax." Districts may request voter approval for additional millages, such as for athletic facilities, technology and building upgrades.

Most districts across the state receive a Per Pupil funding amount. For example, Pellston Public Schools will receive \$10,300 per student in 2026-27. This is known as a Foundation Grant. Some districts are "out of formula," where all local education tax revenue stays with the district. This happens when the district's local taxes, divided per student, are more than the total revenue guaranteed by the state per student. Out-of-formula districts generally have smaller student populations and high tax bases.

The only way for local districts to receive more per-pupil funding for operations is through a voter-approved Enhancement Millage. In November 2017, Char-Em ISD voters approved a **Regional Enhancement Millage** for 1.0 mill, to be levied for 10 years, 2018 through 2027. In 2025, the R.E.M. generated approx. \$7.72 million, resulting in an additional \$1,047 per pupil (2025-26) throughout the ISD's 11 public schools. *(The annual amount generated can vary based on the tax base.)* While the R.E.M. appears on tax bills as an ISD millage, 100 percent of the funds generated are evenly dispersed back to the 11 local districts at the same per-pupil rate each year. A renewal of the R.E.M. will be on the ballot in May 2027.

Funding ISD operations

ISDs levy millages for services, aside from millages that local school districts might levy and general operating millages. These levies are voter-approved. In 2025-26, Char-Em ISD levied the following millages to fund special education, career and technical education, and general operations:

Career and Technical Education Millage:

Current levy: 0.9685 mill, generates approx. \$7.94 million.
Up for 4-year renewal vote in May 2030.

Operating Millage:

Current levy: 0.1967 mill (allocated),
generates approx. \$1.61 million annually.

Special Education Millage:

Current levy: 2.0609 mills, generates approx. \$16.9 million.
Up for 4-year renewal vote in May 2028.

A NOTE ABOUT MILLS One mill (1.0) is equal to \$1,000 of a home's taxable value (SEV). Using the Enhancement Millage as an example, a home with a market value of \$200,000 would have a taxable value of approximately \$100,000, or roughly half of its appraised value. The Regional Enhancement Millage would cost the owner of this home \$100 in taxes per year.

Public school districts within Char-Em ISD

Alanson ▪ Beaver Island ▪ Boyne City ▪ Boyne Falls ▪
Central Lake ▪ Charlevoix ▪ Concord Academy Petoskey ▪ East Jordan ▪
Ellsworth ▪ Harbor Springs ▪ Pellston ▪ Petoskey

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Service Area Map



**Char-Em ISD
offices/locations**

Main office, Charlevoix
08568 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix
(231) 547-9947

Boyne City ISD Office
1313 Boyne Ave., Boyne City
(231) 582-8070

Taylor School
1515 Cemetery Rd., Petoskey
(231) 439-6937

Crooked Tree High School
870 W. Conway Rd., Harbor Springs
(231) 487-0136

Lakeview High School
453 E. Lake St., Petoskey
(231) 547-9947

Round Lake Education Center
13513 Division St., Charlevoix
(231) 547-4085

**CEISD Special Education
Program locations**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

- 1) Boyne Falls Public School K-12
1662 M-75 • (231) 549-2211
- 2) East Jordan Elementary
304 4th St. • (231) 536-3131
- 3) East Jordan Mill Street Campus
951 Mill St. • (231) 536-3131

EMMET COUNTY

- 4) Alanson Public School K-12
7400 North St. • (231) 548-2261
- 5) Pellston Elementary School
114 Zipf St. • (231) 539-8421
- 6) Pellston Middle/High School
172 Park St. • (231) 539-8421
- 7) North Central Michigan College
1515 Howard St. • (231) 439-6391
- 8) Taylor School
1515 Cemetery Rd. • (231) 439-6937

Char-Em ISD Districts Served

Alanson Public Schools 7400 North St. • (231) 548-2261	East Jordan Public Schools 304 Fourth St. • (231) 536-3131*
Beaver Island Comm. School 37895 King's Hwy. • (231) 448-2744	Ellsworth Community Schools 9467 Park St. • (231) 588-2544
Boyne City Public Schools 321 S. Park St. • (231) 439-8190*	Harbor Springs Public Schools 800 S. State Rd. • (231) 526-4545*
Boyne Falls Public Schools 1662 M-75 • (231) 549-2211	Pellston Public Schools 172 N. Park St. • (231) 539-8421*
Central Lake Public Schools 8169 W. State St. • (231) 544-3141*	Public Schools of Petoskey 1130 Howard St. • (231) 348-2100*
Charlevoix Public Schools 104 E. St. Mary's Dr. • (231) 547-3200*	

* denotes administrative office address for districts with multiple buildings.

Charter School

Concord Academy Petoskey
2468 Atkins Rd.
(231) 439-6800

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