

MEMPHIS  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS   
*Welcomes You*



An introduction to the school system  
and city of Memphis, Michigan

# Memphis Community Schools



## *Our schools*

Memphis Community Schools have changed considerably in recent years. In 2001, a new high-tech junior/senior high school was built to expand areas for science and technology facilities. Separate junior and senior high academic wings are anchored to a main street corridor that houses the shared media center, 1,000-seat gymnasium, cafetorium, performing arts center and vocational spaces.

Memphis Elementary was completely renovated in 2008 with the passage of a \$6.3-million bond. The interior and exterior updates included a new energy and water system along with additional instructional technology. The school provides a safe and inviting educational environment for its students.

## *Our goals*

Memphis Community Schools is committed to providing its students with a well-rounded educational experience in a safe environment. Staff members are dedicated to helping each child reach his or her full potential and to inspiring students to make learning a lifelong process. The ultimate goal of Memphis Community Schools is to have its students become knowledgeable, responsible and productive adults.

Memphis Community School's athletic teams are the Yellowjackets.



## **Additional learning opportunities**

Memphis Community Schools offers programs above and beyond standard school academics at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

### Early Childhood Programs

Memphis Elementary School provides many early childhood opportunities, including child care, socialization and academic instruction:

- Full day Kindergarten with a certified teacher
- Adventures Daycare meets the child care needs of families for children ages 0–12 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Memphis Preschool provides 16-week sessions instructed by a certified teacher for 3- and 4-year-old children. Parents pay for students to attend these programs.
- Great Start Readiness Program is available for 4-year-old students at risk for Kindergarten success.
- Special education programs are available for young children with a disability.

### CHAMP Program: Michigan State University

Memphis Community Schools is the first satellite site for the Cooperative Highly Accelerated Mathematics Program (CHAMP). It offers students gifted in mathematics the opportunity to study with an MSU math professor and explore concepts they otherwise would not experience until years later. The program will make it possible for middle school students to meet all of their high school math requirements by the time they reach 9th grade.

### Middle College Program

Memphis High School is working on offering a Middle College Program where by taking a combination of advanced placement classes and college courses, students will be able to graduate after five years with both a high school diploma and a college associate's degree from St. Clair County Community College. They will also have the option of transferring their credits into a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college or university. Students enrolled in the Middle College Program will receive free tuition and textbooks along with their high school diploma and college associate's degree.

## **Courses offer options to students**

One of the most important statistics for a school is its graduation rate, and Memphis was above the state average with 93% in the 2008–09 school year.

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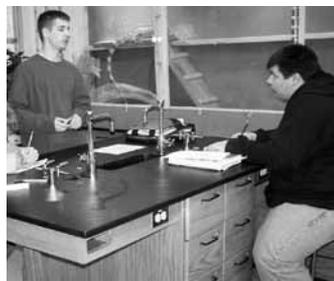
Memphis High School and Memphis Junior High School were built in 2001. The entire facility is 95,000 square feet and features 22 classrooms, computer and science labs, a media center, a band room, an art room and a distance learning lab.

## **Points of pride**

Memphis High School students have had much to be proud of in recent years. Scholastically, students have excelled in a number of ways. The most recent senior class was rewarded for its academic excellence with a collective \$600,000 in scholarships.

The students' athletic achievements have been impressive this past season. The girls' basketball team had a 19-1 season and came in first place in the league. The varsity football team also earned first place in its league.

The wrestling team won its team districts, and four wrestlers went on to the state finals. The girls' soccer team had an impressive 10-4-1 record and made it to district finals.



Students also excelled in other activities, including band and drama. The SADD club conducted an effective "Mock Crash" showing the dangers of drinking and driving, and a whopping 92% of seniors turned out for Project Graduation, a drug- and alcohol-free event held after graduation.

## *Memphis Junior High School*



The Memphis Junior High School shares its facility with the high school. The two divided wings were constructed so that students are in separate schools but have access to several spacious common areas offering the latest technology and the newest equipment and materials. The sprawling campus features large baseball, softball and soccer fields, as well as a nature center with waterfall.



### **Points of pride**

Memphis Junior High students show pride through their academics, athletics, teams, band performances and community activities.

Parents also contribute. Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign, the Junior High Parents Club bought new uniforms for the girls' basketball team, as well as science equipment and other educational materials.



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## *Memphis Elementary School*



Memphis Elementary School, built in 1955, has undergone many renovations through the years, most recently in 2008. This community landmark has been continuously updated to ensure it keeps its reputation as a high-quality facility in which students have access to the equipment, space and resources they need.

### **Points of pride**

Memphis Elementary students' accomplishments go beyond the classroom. A number of students were "Caught with Character," a designation earned when students performed acts of kindness. They also showed a tremendous amount of character when they collected and sent care packages to soldiers in Iraq.

The Elementary Parents Club donates a significant amount of effort and time to the school. They ran an indoor carnival, organized an end-of-the-year field trip, decorated the building in each new season and helped purchase a new ice machine.



## ***Extracurricular activities***

While academics are at the heart of any school system, it is also important that students have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. Memphis has a great deal to offer students in that regard.



In addition to traditional school sports, the school supports club sports such as an equestrian team and bowling team. Students may also take part in such activities as band, color guard, honor society, student council, diversity club, mock trial, SADD, school plays and yearbook.

This wide range of offerings, in addition to allowing students to become more well-rounded, gives them the chance to spend time with others with similar interests and instills in them the importance of teamwork.

## **Enrollment and staff**

The student / staff ratio of Memphis schools is something in which the district takes pride. The average ratio is one teacher to every 16.8 students, which gives the staff ample time to devote to each pupil. All of our teachers are Highly Qualified for Required Content, and over half have a master's degree.

	Students	Staff
Memphis Elementary	445	28
Memphis Junior High	246	13
Memphis High School	367	22

## **Graduation requirements**

High school course offerings are based around the four core academic areas. Multi-leveled courses provide students with instruction based on academic need. Additional elective classes offer students the opportunity to participate in classes like art, band, foreign language, woodshop and journalism. Twenty-two credit hours are required for graduation.

Dual enrollment gives eligible eleventh- and twelfth-grade students the opportunity to take college-level courses while attending high school. Memphis High School students also may earn college credit through advanced placement courses and exams in the subjects of English and U.S. history.

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## *About the city*

The city of Memphis, approximately one square mile, was established in 1835 and remains a quiet, agricultural-based community. Sited equally in Macomb and St. Clair counties, it sits on a bluff overlooking the Belle River.

Commercial activity in this city of 1,092 is concentrated along a traditional main street — Memphis Ridge Road. Memphis Ridge Road (M-19) is the main north-south route which links Memphis to the city of Richmond and Gratiot Avenue to the south and I-69 to the north.

The city's most famous landmark is a sign noting the original site of the first self-propelled vehicle in Michigan. The city has three community parks, pleasant neighborhoods and a small-town American character.

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