Leaders in Classroom Technology

Nationally Recognized Programs

Focus on Mastery Learning

Outstanding Band & Orchestra Programs (5-12)

Championship Winning Sports Teams

Pinckney Community Schools places a high priority on providing stellar education, as demonstrated by our award-winning and nationally recognized programs. We are dedicated to providing a caring and supportive environment, tailored to the individual needs of all children, to help them master the knowledge and skills that will enable them to become successful adults.

Take a look inside and see what we have to offer!

POSITIVELY PINCKNEY!
At Pinckney Community Schools we pride ourselves on our dedicated, passionate teachers and staff. For us, students always come first. Our smaller district allows teachers and staff to focus on getting to know your child and understanding how to best meet his or her needs. This powerful learning approach is difficult to achieve in larger districts.

Outstanding Programs
Programs offered from Kindergarten through graduation help our students grow and succeed as active learners and productive citizens.

- Elementary grade configuration for optimized learning
- Technology taught K - 12
- Established one-to-one laptop program from 7th grade through high school
- Advanced Placement classes (10 -12)
- Focus on the arts
- Quality programming and support for special needs children
- Nationally recognized project-based learning at New Tech High School
- Nationally recognized robotics and automotive technology programs
- Computer engineering program in partnership with Cisco Systems
- Manufacturing program with the latest computer numerically controlled (CNC) equipment
- Virtual Enterprise International Business Program
- Dual enrollment opportunities
- Partnership with University of Michigan – Flint

Safe and Caring Environment
We are dedicated to providing your child with a safe and caring environment. Teachers and staff make a point of knowing the students in their classes and throughout the building. In addition, each school offers programs to enhance safety.

- Safety Day – fire departments, 911 operators and EMS come to our schools to teach about safety
- It Stops with Students – student-led substance abuse prevention activities
- School social workers in every building to support social-emotional needs that affect learning
- High expectations of students for character, citizenship and service

Individualized Learning
Students receive individualized attention in our outstanding programs and learning environments. As a smaller district, we have the ability to focus on each child and offer what he or she needs in order to thrive in the classroom.

Staff Development
Providing the most current information and educational opportunities to our teachers and staff on a weekly basis ensures that they are ready and able to help students perform to their highest potential.
Elementary Education (K-3)

Elementary schools configured to teach Kindergarten through 3rd grade provide an optimal learning environment. Our focus on mastery learning allows children to thoroughly grasp the material being taught before moving on. This helps students become confident and eager learners.

Our Elementary Schools
- Preschool
- KinderReady (early fives)
- Traditionally low class sizes
- Veteran staff with little or no teacher turnover
- Dedicated parents and active PTO
- Fully implemented multi-tiered systems of support in Literacy and Math
- After school Math & Reading clubs
- Michigan Department of Education recognized Title I programs
- SMILE (Students and Mentors in a Learning Environment)
- Upgraded technology and facilities supported by recent district-wide school bond
- Physical education
- Art classes
- Music

Making It Fun
We provide many fun activities to help our students learn and engage outside of the classroom, such as:
- Conservation Club
- R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs therapy dog reading program)
- Field Day
- Student Run/Walk Program
- Family Craft Night
- Pastries with Parents
- Fall Festival
- Girls On The Run
- Food Drives

MASTERY LEARNING
Mastery learning is both a philosophy and set of beliefs about teaching and learning, and establishes a method of assessment and instruction.

Favorable learning conditions, where the best instructional match is made for each child, allow virtually all students to access and succeed in learning content at a higher level of application.

Providing for Special Needs
Pinckney Community Schools continuously strives to meet the learning needs of all students, including academic, social and behavioral. When it is suspected that a student may have a disability, school personnel work with parents to determine eligibility and provide services to support the child's learning and engagement in the school environment.

At PCS, we abide by the philosophy that special education is not a place but a service that identifies and meets the needs of students with disabilities through specialized instruction. We are consistent in our adherence to the Federal IDEIA laws as well as the State of Michigan laws.

The district provides Peer-to-Peer (LINKS) in all buildings. This evidence-based support program teaches students how to work and build friendships with students who have disabilities.

A “Friendship Bench” at one of our elementary buildings is the result of a peer-to-peer relationship. This bench is a special place where students can sit when they are in need of a friend. In another building, the LINKS group worked to educate students about the importance of treating all of their peers with kindness and respect.

Our inclusion rate is over 80% (time in general education classrooms) and students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in all school activities.
Navigator Upper Elementary (4 - 6)

Navigator Upper Elementary School offers education to Pinckney’s 4th – 6th grade students. Our staff works hard to create an environment that encourages independence while offering the warmth and support students still need at this level. Staff members work collaboratively on behalf of all students to provide an excellent upper elementary school experience.

Fostering Growth
Our programs are designed to foster growth and independence.
- Advanced Math for 5th and 6th grade
- After school clubs
- Award-winning Band and Orchestra programs
- BAAM - Be safe, Appreciations, Attentive listening, Mutual respect (positive behavior support program)
- Bully-proofing programs
- Catch-Up Café
- Community service opportunities
- Data-driven instructional programs
- Fifth grade camp
- Flex-time differentiation
- Instructional Consultation Team
- Parent and student transition programs
- Recreation time
- Strong PTO support and involvement
- Student-created announcements
- Technology integration
- Physical education
- Art classes

Pathfinder School (7 - 8)

Pathfinder School is committed to providing a high quality education to all 7th and 8th grade students. Our highly educated staff presents materials in classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards, digital cameras and wireless access. We have a complete soccer and track stadium, multiple baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, a pool, two gymnasiums and a professional theatre.

We offer many opportunities for students to learn and grow. Beyond our rigorous, relevant and state-aligned core academics, we offer the following:
- Only middle-school in Livingston County with one-to-one laptop program
- Spanish I
- Reading and math interventions
- Physical education
- Drama, band, orchestra, choir and guitar
- Choose to Lead class
- Classes such as woodworking, food and nutrition, family living, forensic science, nature and natural disasters, creative writing, art, digital media and architectural design
- After school Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) athletics
- Clubs such as yearbook, anime (Japanese animation), Tasch Techies (theater lights and sound), Back Alley Players (theater group) and Garage Band
- After school tutoring
- Student-run school store
- Peer-to-peer program to assist students with special needs
- 7th grade elective exploration
- Americorp Vista volunteer to assist in service learning projects that teach students philanthropy
- Southeast Michigan Middle Levels Administrative Association which sponsors a spelling bee, quiz bowl, leadership day, and 8th grade honors night
- Annual events such as Veteran’s Day visit, 8th grade trip to Washington, DC, 8th grade field trip to Meadowbrook, 8th grade portfolio project, talent show and multiple service learning projects
Pinckney Community High School (9 - 12)

Robotics Program
Our program offers students a real world, hands-on engineering experience. The lab utilizes state-of-the-art industrial automation equipment to provide advanced mechatronics training. Students earn articulated college credit and nationally recognized certifications, and exit the program prepared for post-secondary success.

Automotive Technology Program
Our autos class provides college and career preparation in the automotive field. Students learn every part of the automobile through this comprehensive program.

PCHS has earned state and national recognition for many programs:
- Robotics
- Automotive Technology
- Cisco Academy
- Computer-Aided Manufacturing Technology
- Freshman Academy
- New Tech High School
- Performing Arts and more

Honors & Advanced Placement
PCHS offers students over 15 Advanced Placement and Honors courses that cover many subjects:
- Computer Science
- English Arts 9th & 10th grade
- English Literature & Composition
- English Language & Composition
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Economics
- Psychology
- U.S. History
- U.S. Government & Politics
- Spanish V

Involved Students
- Positive Peer Influence
  Made up of students who are known as leaders in their peer groups and are chosen after going through an extensive interview process. These students are peer mediators, trained to assist other students in working through conflicts.
- Student Government
  This group advocates for the PCHS student body and acts as a liaison between students and administration, faculty, and the community. It also facilitates communication between student organizations and the student body. Student Government offers opportunities for leadership development, involvement and personal growth.
- Camp Skyline
  An intensive weekend for students to learn communication skills and gain experience in reaching out to others. Students are taught creative and healthy ways to have fun and feel good, and to support others. The goal is for students to learn about leadership in their own environment so they can return to PCHS and make a positive impact. After attending, many students have stated, “This was the best weekend of my life!”

PCHS offers students the opportunity to earn college credits through dual enrollment at local universities and community college.

FAST FACTS
$5.9 million
In 2014, our graduates were offered over $5.9 million in scholarships.

1:1 laptops
Only high school in Livingston County with one-to-one laptop program. This program was established in 2010.

DUAL ENROLLMENT
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(9 - 12)

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NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Pinckney Community High School
(9 - 12)
National Filming Site
PNTH was selected as a national filming site for instructional videos. According to New Tech Network, PNTH exemplifies a school with excellent instructional practices in Project-Based Learning.

Students’ Experiences
“I’ve learned that if I really want something done and I put my mind and myself into it, I can get it done. This life lesson is going to help me not only in college but for the rest of my life” – 2014 graduate

“New Tech has prepared me for what I am doing in college. I want to go into the business field, where I can present and talk in front of groups.” – 2014 graduate

FAST FACTS
82% of New Tech teachers have advanced degrees (Masters, EdS, EdD, PhD).

Internships
Since 2012, 40 New Tech students have completed a 40-hour internship with Lowry Solutions (formerly Lowry Computer Products) of Brighton, MI. In addition to internships, several students have been selected for paid positions at Lowry.

New Tech High School
(9 - 12)

Pinckney New Tech High School prepares students for college and careers by integrating skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, effective oral and written communication, organization, work ethic, collaboration, and technological fluency into all their projects.

PNTH students benefit from Project-Based Learning (PBL), where they regularly work in groups to analyze, research and solve complex, real world problems. Students will give, on average, 15-20 presentations each year. These problem-solving and public speaking experiences prepare them for college and future careers.

Students are encouraged to enroll in college classes, and many graduate with several college credits. College credits can be earned through dual-enrollment, or by taking AP and articulated college credit courses.

Our PNTH students are required to complete a 40-hour internship project before graduating. This insures real world experience and a chance to explore and evaluate potential career fields.

“Today’s high school students are the future of our society. Our partnership with [Pinckney] New Tech is far more than we had imagined when it started. The students are bright and energetic, allowing for our organization to learn just as much from them as they learn from us. We look forward to a longstanding partnership with this outstanding education program.”
- Mike Lowry CEO of Lowry Solutions

Each school year, PNTH students are required to write several College Readiness Assessments (CRA). These assessments help students to develop thinking and writing skills in preparation for college and the career of their choice. Trained teachers develop CRAs in the context of a relevant project. Evaluations are based on a national rubric created by New Tech Network in conjunction with Stanford University.

Proven Effective
- New Tech students graduate at a rate of 6% greater than the national average
- New Tech students enroll in college at a rate 9% higher than the national average
- New Tech graduates persist in 4-year colleges at a rate of 17%, and in 2-year colleges at a rate of 46%, greater than the national average
- New Tech students experience 75% more growth in higher-order thinking skills between freshman and senior years than comparison groups

New Tech Staff
- Designated literacy coach
- Designated Special Education teacher
- Three New Tech Network-Certified Project-Based Learning (PBL) trainers
- Four New Tech Network-Certified Project-Based Learning (PBL) teachers
- Reading Apprenticeship strategies used by all staff
Go Pirates!

Pinckney High School Athletics are a proud member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) Conference. The KLAA hosts 24 schools from Livingston, Oakland and Wayne counties; two 12-team conferences (The Lakes & Kensington), and four divisions (South, Central, North and West). PCHS is part of the West division along with Brighton, Grand Blanc, Howell, Hartland and Milford High Schools.

Our Athletic Department facilitates over 875 contests, competing with 65 teams, led by more than 110 coaches and volunteers. Since opening the new high school in 1999, Pinckney has added over 100 All-State Athletes to the Athletic Hall of Fame, inclusive of 10 individual and three team State championships.

The academic and value structure of athletics creates a strong leadership environment for our student athletes.

Pirate Athletics
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Competitive Cheer
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Pom Pons
- Skiing
- Snowboarder Cross
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swim/Dive
- Tennis
- Track/Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Focus on the Arts

Music . Drama . Art

Pinckney Community Schools places a strong emphasis on the performing and visual arts. Art classes are offered kindergarten through high school.

Band and orchestra begin in 5th grade and carry on into high school with marching band, concert band, concert orchestra and chamber orchestra. In addition to band and orchestra, the high school also offers choir and varsity choir.

Students at Navigator and Pathfinder interested in performing arts can participate in the student-run Back Alley Players, an International Thespian Society Junior Theatre Troupe, Tasch Techies, where students learn to operate the light and sound booth, and Garage Band.

Once at the high school, theater students can join Act2, our internationally recognized student-led Thespian Society.

- The only orchestra program offered in Livingston County public schools
- Consistent Division 1 ratings at the District & State Levels of MSBOA
- Chamber Orchestra Best Overall Music Ensemble at Dixie Classics Festival 2011
- Side-by-Side concert with Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
- Marching Band Camp (required) at Grass Lake where students learn new music and drills for the following season
- Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble that consistently earn admirable ratings at the MSBOA
Our Community

Pinckney / Hamburg and their surrounding areas offer much more than a great education. Countless recreational activities, cultural offerings and local events are all part of what makes ours a great community.

Beautiful lakes, state parks and wooded trails help residents experience that “up north” feeling without leaving home!

Recreation
If you and your family love the outdoors and being active, the greater Pinckney area is perfect for you. Boating, swimming and fishing on our many lakes, biking, hiking and horseback riding on over 40 miles of recreational trails, and golfing our premier courses are just some of the ways your family can enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Enrichment activities are offered through Pinckney Community Education for both children and adults. Courses include everything from arts to sports and wellness.

Arts & Entertainment
Pinckney is home to many theater groups including Pinckney Players, Act2 and a local dinner theater. In addition to great theater in our community, there are many local venues to enjoy live music.

Restaurants
The Livingston County area is host to a variety of restaurants. Whether you are looking to enjoy homemade Italian cuisine, grab a burger or some Chinese, enjoy traditional diner fare, or cool off with ice cream in downtown Hell, you won’t have to travel far.

Libraries
Our community is proud to offer residents two public libraries. The Hamburg Township Library and the Pinckney Community Library offer programs for children and adults including book clubs, movie viewings and more.

Community
Of the many wonderful features our schools and community have to offer, a sense of belonging is perhaps the best one. Life in a close-knit community provides ample opportunity to get involved, to know your neighbors and raise your children in an environment that values family and supports youth.

Events
With its open space, playground and seasonal ice rink, the Township Square in downtown Pinckney is a wonderful place for neighbors to gather, for children to play and for residents to enjoy community events.

Events held throughout the year include:

- Art in the Park
- Pinckney Spooktacular
- Light Up The Square Holiday Celebration
- Movies in the Park
- Hootin’ in the Park
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Memorial Day Parade
- Farmer’s Market

Hamburg Township is host to an annual Family Fun Fest offering a week of amusement rides, entertainment, fireworks and 4-H events.

Recreation
Pinckney is surrounded by many beautiful, wooded trails that are enjoyed year-round for activities from bike riding to cross-country skiing.

Entertainment
Since 1991, the community theater group, Pinckney Players, has been entertaining audiences with plays and musicals performed in Jane Tasch Theater.

Community
Our community hosts many events that bring families together to enjoy the downtown area in a festive atmosphere. Residents enjoy parades, an art festival, holiday celebrations and much more.
Positively Pinckney

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