



## Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The informational materials enclosed are being distributed to all eighth-grade students in the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) service area who will have completed an Algebra I (or higher level mathematics) course by the end of eighth grade, so that all students who meet the Algebra I prerequisite have the opportunity to consider applying to the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC) high school program. Eighth graders who, as ninth-graders, will *reside in a KRESA public school district\**, are eligible to apply for admission. KAMSC is one of several educational opportunities available as your eighth-grade student begins planning for her or his high school years.

KAMSC offers a rigorous curriculum that *appeals to* and *challenges* students with *interest and demonstrated ability* in mathematics, science, and technology. The Center offers this rigorous curriculum in a stimulating and supportive environment conducive to learning. Students attend KAMSC for half of the school day (ninth and tenth graders 8:00–10:27 a.m., eleventh and twelfth graders 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.), and attend their district, private, parochial, or home school for the balance of the academic day.

The KAMSC admissions process begins with an entrance exam. The Entrance Exam Registration information and procedures will be posted online at [kamscc.org](http://kamscc.org) mid to late November with a registration deadline of Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The Entrance Exam will be held Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the Bernhard Center on Western Michigan University's campus.

A copy of the pamphlet *You're Invited to Consider the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC) 2023-2024* is enclosed. The pamphlet describes details of the program, the unique learning opportunities available through the program, and how students are selected for admission to KAMSC. Please visit the KAMSC website at [kamscc.org](http://kamscc.org) for additional information.

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend a special meeting to explore further the possibility of attending KAMSC. On Wednesday, November 30, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m., an Open House introducing KAMSC will begin in Chenery Auditorium (714 South Westnedge Avenue) on the ground floor of the KPS Community Education Center (CEC), to be followed by a tour of the KAMSC facilities, on the fourth floor. Please use the Dutton Street or South Westnedge Avenue entrances to gain access to the Chenery Auditorium. The Vine Street entrance will not be available. The Open House will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m.

If you and your student are interested in pursuing the KAMSC application process, please register online at [kamscc.org](http://kamscc.org) for the entrance exam by December 14, 2022.

I hope that you will consider, carefully, the educational programs best suited to your student's academic needs and find the enclosed information plus the Open House session will be helpful to you with your decisions. Please contact the KAMSC office if we may provide further information regarding the program at KAMSC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Tanoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Dr. Michael Tanoff