



# W·A·Y MICHIGAN™

## Widening Advancements for Youth

### Words from the Director - James Middleditch

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Hello Parents and Students!!

Congratulations! We are in the final month of the traditional school year. We are looking forward to a joyous June. We have a few announcements for you. First, we want to thank you all for having your researchers participate in NWEA MAP Growth Testing. We will be using this information to plan for instructional improvement over the summer.

Second, we are excited to be hosting our first physical graduation. On Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting our class of 2022 graduation in the Michigan Room on Lansing Community College's Campus (LCC). We are planning to partner with LCC for future physical graduations as well. We are preparing for over 100 attendees from students, staff, family, and friends.

Lastly, we are always looking for student stories to spotlight. If your students are interested, please let us know. If they want to earn credit for telling their story we recommend they complete the "Tell It Your WAY" project. Here is a link to the project: [https://centric.school/curric2013/cur\\_detail.php?c=12468](https://centric.school/curric2013/cur_detail.php?c=12468). If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to call us at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).

Congratulations to our class of 2022!!



## Summer!

Welcome to the long days full of sunshine! WAY Michigan is considered a year round school and researchers do have credit requirements for July and August. For both July and August researchers are required to earn a minimum of .25 credit. One on one tutoring is available during these months and researchers can schedule tutoring by clicking TUTORING at the top of their Centric page and filling out the form by subject, date, and time. Mentors will be contacting researchers on a regular basis and can schedule tutoring for researchers as well. Full time staff will be off from June 27-July 22.

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## WAY Students



### Cognia Accreditation Visit

In April we went through the Cognia Accreditation process. The reviewers had an opportunity to talk to some of the parents and students at our school. When they debriefed with us they expressed how overwhelmed they were with how parents and students had been impacted by the work being done at WAY Michigan. They raved about how the school gave their kids hope, gave them a sense of belonging, and made them feel like despite obvious challenges there was still a future waiting on them. The first week of May we celebrate Staff Appreciation. Please be sure to reach out to your mentor, teacher, or another staff member to let them know how much you appreciate their work. We appreciate all the hard work you as students put in with us each and every day."

## College & Career Corner

The Virtual College Tour for this month will be on June 10th at 1pm. We will be touring WCCCD. This is a community college with 4 different locations in metro Detroit. It has a great nursing program, and it's low cost compared to a university, is great for students and parents worried about costs. This month our Resume Workshop will be on May 17th @ 1pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jackee.smith@wayprogram.net](mailto:jackee.smith@wayprogram.net)



## WAY Parents

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians of our middle schoolers! MAP testing went the smoothest it has ever gone! I hope all of the communications were helpful. I know they were probably annoying as well, but it worked, and everyone signed up and showed up at the appropriate day and time! You will not hear from me regarding MAP testing until next October (hooray!).

We are currently communicating extensively with the parents and guardians of our high schoolers. High School MAP testing starts Tuesday, May 31st. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians/students who have already signed up for their testing slots. If you have not already, please check your email and use the google doc link to sign your student up for their testing time slots. There are directions in the email for how to proceed if you are unable to access the google doc. I have also sent the same email to all students in Centric, so your high school student can take responsibility and sign themselves up as well. I am also sending emails regarding checking your technology to make sure it is ready for testing. This should help prevent any last minute tech issues. Once this round of testing is done, you will not hear about MAP testing again until next October (hooray!).

If you have not gotten any information regarding your high schooler's MAP testing, please contact me immediately at [kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net](mailto:kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net).