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Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL & YOUNG FIVES (Y5)

Young Fives prepares students to love learning with a solid foundation of early literacy and math skills in a positive, structured environment. Young Fives provides a rich, 'Early Kinder' experience for young learners, and is currently offered at 15 of our elementary school locations.

For 2018-19, Young Fives programs will be added at A2STEAM at Northside, Angell, Bach (one Y5-K combo class), and Wines to complete Y5 programming at all AAPS elementary schools.



International Baccalaureate + Career Program

International Baccalaureate Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Years programs are currently offered at Mitchell Elementary, Scarlett Middle School, and Huron High School.

For 2018-19, Huron is anticipated to launch the International Baccalaureate Career Program, for entering 11th or 12th grade students who have career or college aspirations and are interested in Automotive, Business/Marketing, and Engineering programs. The inaugural cohort of AAPS graduates will complete IB Career Program, graduating in 2020. This program will be the first of its kind in Michigan.

Students who complete the CP are positioned positively as they take their next steps towards success: CP students can be awarded college credit for the Diploma Program classes they successfully complete. Students successful in the CP are awarded the IB Career-related Certificate. This certificate uniquely positions Huron students for the next steps in career or college as the only students in the state who will hold this new IB certification. The experiences and connections associated with the certificate purposely prepare students for college admission and employment application.



Environmental Education Learning Center at Freeman School

Environmental learning, sustainability, and stewardship of our natural resources have long continued as a priority and a value in the AAPS community. The Ann Arbor Public Schools has benefitted from a robust environmental education program that incorporates environmental learning into the existing science and social studies curricula in Kindergarten through grade 7.

In 2018-19, AAPS will debut an Environmental Education Learning Center at Freeman School, which is designated to offer exploratory environmental learning opportunities for all PK-12th students as well as to incorporate farm-to-school and other environmentally supportive learning opportunities and community partnerships.

Every student in AAPS will benefit from new AAPS Environmental Education learning center. Extending from a long tradition of environmental education in the AAPS, the Freeman School property will allow students the opportunity to explore hands-on learning in a spectacular 40 acre outdoor setting where they experience nature through Habitat and Life Cycle Walks, Winter Survival, Climate and Forestry.

In addition, some Rec & Ed programming will also be housed at the Freeman School to enhance the availability of community learning opportunities in the growing northeast area of the district.



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Project Lead The Way & STEAM Education

AAPS will continue to offer robust Project Lead the Way, Computer Science, Engineering, and Robotics learning opportunities at all school campuses.

In 2018-19, AAPS will extend and enhance Project Lead the Way program to include Young Fives students, debuting a new Young Fives Project Lead the Way curricula that will be unique, offering critical thinking and hands-on problem-solving from the first days of school across the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Preview of Coming Attractions 2019-2020





Bryant Pattengill:

THE SUPER PAIR REIMAGINED

Working in a collaborative process, the Bryant Pattengill community will engage in envisioning new programming for their school that builds on their longstanding strength as a diverse, inclusive, and international community. *Launch implementation 2019-20.*

Community engagement processes will extend over 2018 to select and plan for a reimagined Bryant/Pattengill Elementary approach that builds on the unique strengths of the community and enhances learning opportunities at the school.

This Bryant/Pattengill Reimagined endeavor will also include physical enhancements to both school campuses.

Carpenter:

PK - 8TH GRADE SCHOOL

Carpenter Elementary will begin the transition to a PK–8th grade campus during the 2019-2020 school year. In order to meet the recurring request of AAPS families for additional PK-8th school opportunities as well as to accommodate projected student enrollment growth resulting from additional housing development in southeast Ann Arbor, the Carpenter campus will implement 6th grade during 2019-2020 and extend to a full PK-8th campus over a three year timeframe, completing their transition to full PK-8th campus during the 2021-2022 school year.

The Carpenter school will be physically redesigned and enhanced to serve as a PK–8th grade campus.





Continuing 2018 Priorities in the AAPS



Physical Properties & Infrastructure

AAPS will continue with a focused effort to achieve infrastructure repairs and improvements including roof repairs/replacements, sidewalk and walkway projects, boilers, and numerous other infrastructure renewal projects.

Comprehensive assessment of all AAPS properties will be completed and shared with the community Fall, 2018, and additional physical property improvement plans will continue into 2019 and beyond





Continued Implementation of 2015 Bond & Technology Priorities

AAPS will continue to enhance the learning experience for every child through implementation of: classroom furniture replacement, musical instrument purchases and auditorium improvements, outdoor fields and learning space restoration and renewal, replacement of aging bus fleet, and a 2018 technology refresh process.

Continuing 2018 Priorities

- Social Emotional Supports
- World Language & International Learning
- Middle School Enhancements
- High School Comprehensive Schedule to fully develop later start options

