Michigan-Made ISDs

Adding Value to Today’s Schools & Communities

ISDs are the only educational entities with 100% access to every public school to ensure implementation of six core services:

- Early Childhood
- Technology Services
- Teaching & Learning
- Student Services
- Shared Operational Services
- Developing Partnerships

ISDs provide a readily-accessible, statewide system to meet current and future education needs.

Serving Students & Schools

By law, ISDs serve all public schools in Michigan’s 83 counties.

For more than 55 years, ISDs have provided student-centered, data-driven, expanded educational opportunities.

Maximizing Resources

Quality, efficiency, and cost containment are the hallmark of ISDs as they help districts share services in technology, instruction, transportation, business, communication and support services, teacher and school staff training, and purchasing.

Examples:

One ISD, which processes the billing for 28 local public school districts and two public school academies for Medicaid-eligible students receiving special education services, saved schools $7,913,061 through Medicaid revenue.

Another ISD reduced ISD-wide special transportation contract costs by $1.7 million dollars per year over the last 10 years, for a total of $17 million to date. This was achieved by developing a vendor contract that incorporates industry best practices based on input from a national expert. Ongoing contract monitoring assures safe and efficient daily transportation for 900 students with special needs to over 100 program sites throughout the service area.

More examples on back
ISDs are often key partners in local economic development through their community ties with colleges and universities, businesses, industries, and human service agencies.

Training Teachers

ISDs offer literally thousands of training sessions each year to educators, keeping them up on the latest research and teaching methods.

Leading Technology

ISDs often manage the area’s fiber network, provide internet access, obtain lower costs for computer hardware and software, provide internet safety filters, purchase digital collections, promote online and digital learning options, and provide technical support.

Specialized Services

Local school districts depend on ISDs to meet ever-growing needs in Early Childhood (0-5) and Parent Education, Special Education (0 to age 26), Career and Technical Education, Tech Prep, Career Preparation, Talent Development, Online and Digital courses, Math and Science programs, Early/Middle College, Student Activities, Extended Day, Alternative and Adult Education programs, and Court-Involved Youth and Homeless Education programs.

School Improvement, Assessments & Mandates

ISDs help member districts follow often-complex state and federal education standards, meet state and federal requirements, secure grants, measure student performance and growth, and assist low performing schools.

These are some of the many ways today’s ISDs serve rural, suburban, and urban school districts and public school academies. To learn more about the integral role of ISDs in education, visit: www.gomaisa.org