



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Kindergarten Orientation

Hartland Consolidated Schools 2026-27 Kindergarten orientation will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd. The orientation will provide parents an opportunity to hear from kindergarten teachers about a “typical” school day and the kindergarten curriculum.

In addition, administrators will be on hand to talk about school safety, bus transportation, school attendance areas, student nutrition, Junior Kindergarten, and answer any questions. Parents may begin the online pre-enrollment process beginning February 1st at www.hartlandschools.us/enrollment. The following documents are required and may be uploaded as part of the online process:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records- with proof of DTP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox vaccines (or proof of having illness)
- Vision screen and dental screen
- Proof of Residency- examples include: certificate of occupancy, purchase agreement, builder’s permit, rent receipt or agreement, mortgage statement/receipt, voter registration card, utility bill, driver’s license.

Children are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if they will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 1, 2026. A child who turns five after September 1st and before December 1, 2026 may enroll if parent/legal guardian signs a waiver that is supported by the school district (waiver is included in the online pre-enrollment documents). A full-day Junior Kindergarten program may be offered. A minimum number of students are required for the program to be made available. Parents may need to provide transportation in order to participate. The age requirement for Junior Kindergarten is the same as the traditional Kindergarten program. You may contact Kate Gregory at 810-626-2111 or kategregory@hartlandschools.us with any questions.



2025-26 Youth Appreciation

The Hartland Optimist Club Ceremony is happy to announce that once again we will recognize youth in our community at the annual Youth Appreciation Awards on March 18, 2026. Please use the following Google Form to make nominations - bit.ly/YouthAppreciation2026

You may select up to **TWO nominees** who go above and beyond to demonstrate outstanding qualities. Please submit a SEPARATE FORM for each nominee, do not include multiple names/groups of students on one form. **Please submit your nomination form(s) no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2026.** We apologize ahead of time as we cannot accept late submissions. Nominations are open to youth in the Hartland community in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Please consider a young person that you know through your church, business, school, club, or team that is deserving of recognition and the appreciation of our community. Areas to consider when selecting your nominee may include: Outstanding community service, good judgement and choices, perseverance and overcoming hardships, support and encouragement of others, loyalty or teamwork, and special achievement beyond grades.

Hartland DECA Career Technology Program (CTE) Success

The Hartland High School Eagles competed in the District 4 Competition at Eastern Michigan University last week. Students competed in the Role Play Simulations for Marketing, Management, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, and Finance. The 70+ students walked away with 49 state qualifiers, 16 test medals, and 81 total medals. These students will join 20 Advanced Marketing students at the State Competition in March with the hopes of qualifying for the International Competition. Go Eagles!



Reminder: Visit the Career Technology Open House at Hartland High School **Today**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) department at Hartland High School is hosting an open house today from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in rooms 406-409. Instructors, industry professionals, and college representatives will be available to answer any questions related to the programs and careers. All labs and classrooms will be open to visit, and technical equipment will be operating on display. The open house is open to any students, parents, staff members, and community members interested in the CTE programs at Hartland. This is a great way to start future career conversations with youngsters. Admission is free and food will be provided. Please see the flyer and map at the end of this Weekly Update.

To learn more about all of the CTE opportunities that Hartland High School offers, go to <https://www.hartlandhighschool.us/Counseling/Course-Descriptions-and-Curriculum-Guide-/index.html>. To learn even more, click on the **2025-26 Hartland High School Curriculum Guide** and review pages 31- 49. You will be amazed at all the opportunities available to students in Hartland. Often people do not realize the extent of CTE programming happening at Hartland High School and within the countywide CTE Shared-time program. Shared-time programming allows HCS students, and students from the other county high schools, to travel to the programs of their choosing, during the school day. Since the county does not have a Career Technology Center, this is the most efficient way of offering these opportunities to every student attending high school in Livingston County. Check out <https://www.livingstonesa.org/o/lesa/page/career-technical-education>.

Robotics Team Looking For Interested K-3 Participants: Applications for teams is still open!

The non-competitive robotics season for Lower Elementary students kicks off the week of January 26th. Interested students should submit an application via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/39isheCiQQHdidmw6>



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ROBOTICS

Bus Driving Positions

Hartland Consolidated Schools

810-626-2175

Full Time Positions

- Starting wage at \$20.78/hr.
- Paid Health Benefits or \$5,000 Cash In-Lieu
- Paid Holidays / Paid Personal Days / Sick days

**\$2,000
Signing Bonus**

Part Time Positions / Substitute Positions

- Flexible days available
- Option to work only Mornings or Afternoons
- Option to work certain days of the week
- Starting wage at \$20.78/hr.



Mr. Baldwin, 26 Year Driver

I started driving when I heard how much other people loved it. I enjoy the students and being a part of the community. This job is perfect for anyone looking for a fulfilling role after retirement, or for someone looking for full time. This is my hometown! The management team is first rate, and I feel supported.

Mrs. Whitmore, 21 Year Driver

I originally started driving to work with my kids schedule but today I still love the schedule. I love getting to know the students and building positive relationships with them. It has been the most humbling and rewarding job I have done.

Come Drive with Us!



Mr. Robinson, 6 Year Driver

I am a retiree and enjoy working with the kids. I became a driver because the schedule matches up with the kids' breaks and I can run errands between our runs. Summer off and no weekend work. BEST JOB EVER!



Upcoming Parent Engagement Sessions

I am excited to share the work that will help build momentum toward our second annual Parent Summit on Saturday, March 21, 2026. I wanted to share **three upcoming Parent Engagement Sessions** that we are hosting in partnership with *FlexTech Brighton*, *Community Bible Church*, and *LESA*. These sessions are open to all school age families.

Meals will be provided at all three events, and the speaker will be [Katey McPherson](#), who served as one of our keynotes at last year's inaugural Parent Summit.

Please click on the links below to learn more information:

[Thursday 2/12/26, Anxious Generation](#) at Community Bible Church in Brighton

[Thursday 3/12/26, Childhood 2.0](#) at FlexTech HS in Brighton

[Saturday 3/21/26](#), Parent Summit. Confirmed Keynote Speakers: [Horacio Sanchez](#), [Katey McPherson](#), [Leslie Fisher](#), and featured speakers to be announced soon.

Reminder: MI Student Voice Student Perception Survey Coming Soon

The district will once again ask students in grades 7-12 to provide their perception of school in the categories of Social Emotional Learning, Student Engagement, and Belonging. The survey window starts in February. Mr. Howerton and Mr. Fitzgerald will be communicating the specific questions and opt-out forms for parents to utilize prior to this activity. If you would like to see the questions ahead of time, I have posted them at: https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/5e03edf3-9e1b-4540-90a1-c5f90a22b29d/2025-2026%20MI%20Student%20Voice%20Perception%20Survey%20Questions_ada.pdf for your reference.

HCS Strategic Planning Goals Update

The district has been working hard at meeting the goals of our strategic plan. Please click on the following link to see what has been happening: https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/6c0f5e3b-4365-4c5c-90df-28b6df702a04/2026-01-07%20-%20Strategic%20Plan%20Update_ada.pdf. When visiting this web site, click on the individual goals text to learn more about the objectives attached to each goal.



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STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY



<u>Vision</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Belief Statements</u>
Hartland Consolidated Schools: A community culture of excellence where all soar. 	Hartland Consolidated Schools, in partnership with our community and guided by reason, respect and responsibility, inspires academic success and personal growth for a premier educational experience.	We believe: in a culture of reason, respect and responsibility all students can learn in empowering students and staff to be the best versions of themselves in providing a safe, accessible and nurturing learning environment for all that quality employees are essential to student success that parent partnerships are an integral part of student success in providing quality instruction and opportunities to maximize student potential

STRATEGIC GOAL AREAS



Academic & Programs



Finance & Operations



Communication & Community Engagement



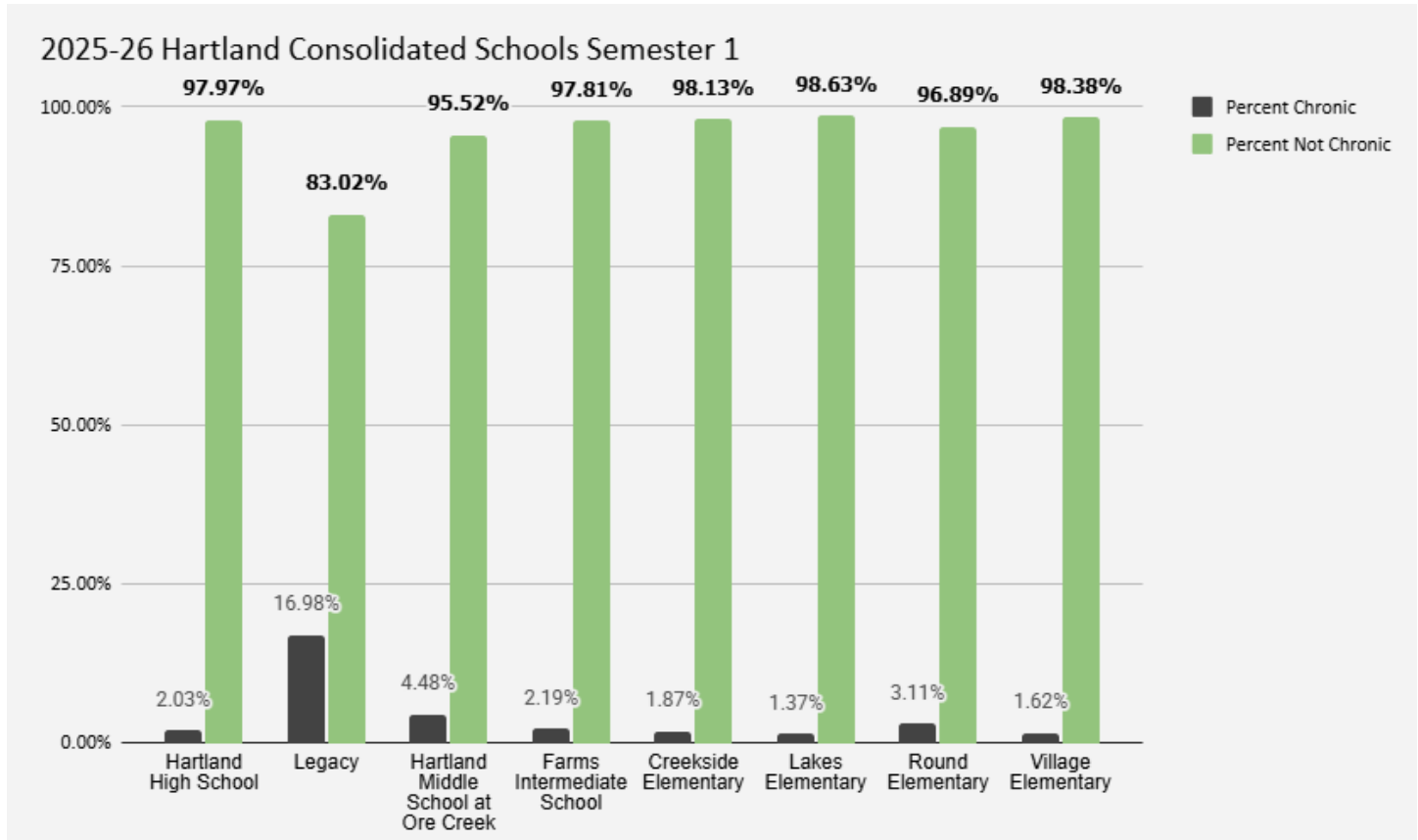
Personnel & Leadership



Culture & Learning Environment

First Semester Chronic Absenteeism

It is important to note that educational research clearly shows that students who miss 10% of instructional days struggle in school. Below you can see the percentage of chronically absent students in the first semester. This equates to missing 15 or more days already (15 is the number for the year). If your child is experiencing issues with attendance, you will be notified by the school and potentially by Mrs. Mary Jo Ferris our attendance Dean of Students. Please keep an eye on your child's attendance as we want every child to be successful in school.



Eagles Soar,

Chuck Hughes

“Too many people think the grass is greener somewhere else, but grass is green where you water it.”

Anonymous

Notice of Web Accessibility: In order to remain compliant with web accessibility when sharing this Weekly Update, any public service announcement shared with me must be forwarded with a link that I can include in the text for people to view information if they choose to do so.



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Career & Technical Education



You're invited!

The Career and Technical Education department at Hartland High School will be hosting a vocational and technical program open house on **Wednesday, January 14th** at Hartland High School.

This open house will allow students, parents, and members of the community the opportunity to explore several programs including: automotive, building trades, business, engineering, animation, architecture, nutrition, fashion & fabrics, housing & design, parenting, computer science, marketing, finance, teacher preparation, and technology.

You will be able to talk with instructors, explore the facility, see live demonstrations, speak with college representatives, and explore career opportunities.

The open house will run from **5 – 7 pm** at the high school. Food will be provided.

Hope to see you there!



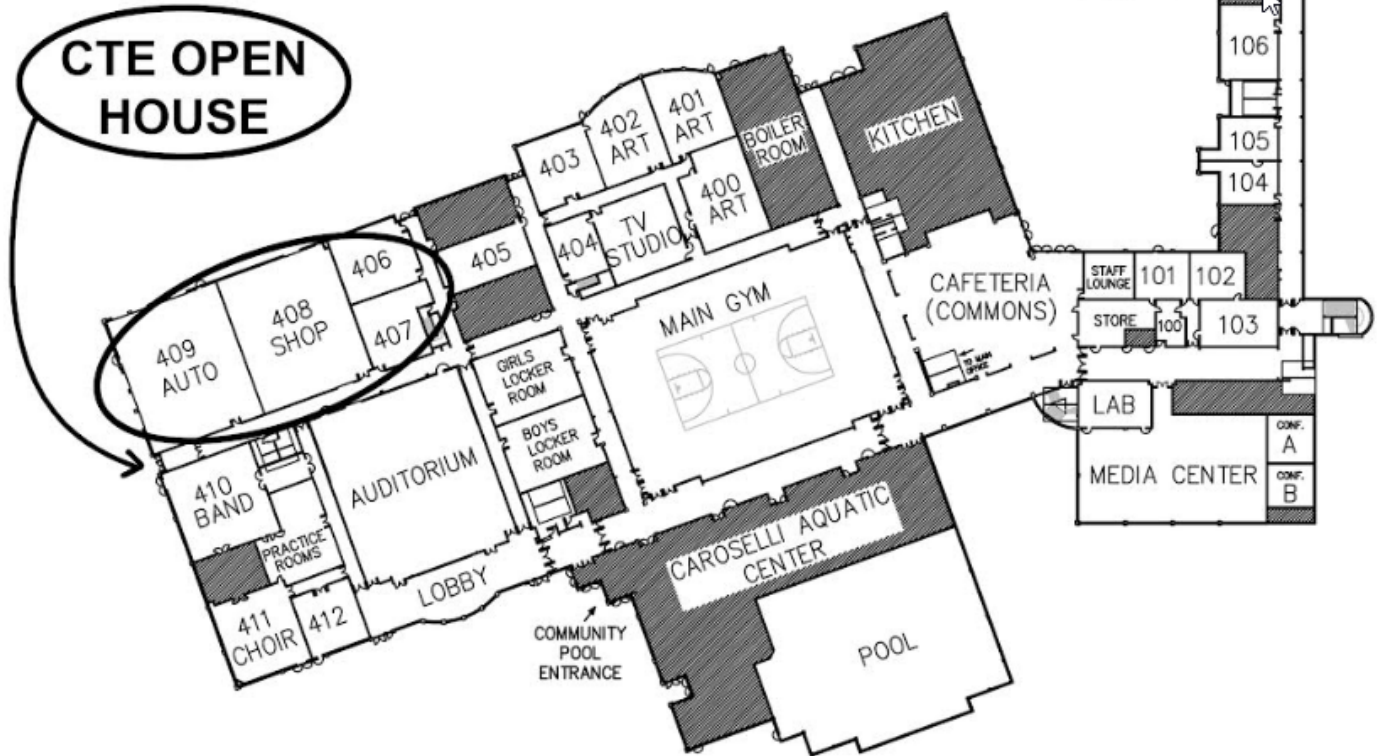
All career and technical programs follow the district's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, height, weight, or marital status in all programs, services, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language proficiency is not a barrier to admission or participation.

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The open house will be in the circled location.