



The Greenspire School

The Greenspire School offers a unique educational program for middle school students in grades 6 through 8 based on purposeful connections between individuals, communities and the environment. Greenspire is an independent public charter school authorized by Grand Valley State University and is located in the Grand Traverse Commons. Greenspire incorporates the Montessori philosophy with place and project-based, environmentally focused education in a multi-age environment.

Greenspire: An Overview

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| 2020-2021 Enrollment | 128 |
| Full Time Staff | 13 |
| Class Sizes | 22 |
| Student/Staff Ratio | 14:1 |
| Certified Staff | 10 |
| Calendar Year | September to June |
| Daily Start & End Times | 8:30 am to 3:30 pm |
| Half Days | 8:30 to 11:30 am |
| Transportation | Not Provided |
| Food Service | Not Provided |

Greenspire's Weekly Schedule Breakdown

| Course / Activity | Meetings Per Week | Hours Per Week |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Math | 5 | 3.75 |
| Science | 4 | 3.00 |
| Social Studies | 4 | 3.00 |
| Physical Education | 3 | 2.25 |
| Literature | 3 | 2.25 |
| English Language Arts | 3 | 2.25 |
| World Language | 2 | 1.50 |
| Nature Trail | 1 | 1.50 |
| Health | 1 | 0.75 |
| Environmental Stewardship | 1 | 0.75 |
| Current Events | 1 | 0.75 |
| Northern Naturalists | 1 | 0.75 |
| Speech | 1 | 0.75 |
| Electives | 2 | 1.50 |
| Community Connections | 2 | 1.50 |

Sample Greenspire Weekly Schedule

| | Period | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | 8:30 to 8:45 | Council The Pool | Advisories See Schedule | Council The Pool | Advisories See Schedule | Council The Pool |
| 1 | 8:45 to 9:30 | Current Events Pool | Science Science Lab | ELA Maple Central | Math Math Lab | Community Connection Pool |
| 2 | 9:35 to 10:20 | Science Science Lab | Social Studies SS Lab | PE Courtyard | Science Courtyard | |
| | 10:20 to 10:35 | Brain Break | Brain Break | Brain Break | Brain Break | |
| 3 | 10:40 to 11:25 | World Language Maple North | Math Math Lab | Social Studies SS Lab | Nature Trail Courtyard | Electives See Separate Schedule |
| 4 | 11:30 to 12:15 | Literature Library | World Language Maple North | Social Studies SS Lab | Nor Nat Maple North | |
| | 12:15 to 12:45 | Lunch! | Lunch! | Lunch! | Lunch! | Lunch! |
| 5 | 12:50 to 1:35 | Social Studies SS Lab | Outdoor Pursuits Courtyard | Science Science Lab | Literature Library | Speech Library |
| 6 | 1:40 to 2:25 | PE Courtyard | Health Library | Literature Library | ELA Maple Central | Stewardship Courtyard |
| 7 | 2:30 to 3:15 | Math Math Lab | ELA Maple Central | Math Math Lab | PE Courtyard | PE Courtyard |
| | 3:15 to 3:30 | Council & Chores | Council & Chores | Council & Chores | Council & Chores | Council & Chores |

Council and Advisory

Each day begins with either a whole school no-agenda meeting (council) or small group advisories. Both are used to foster a sense of community at Greenspire utilizing different approaches to engage as many students as possible. Councils and advisories play an important role in daily life at Greenspire and provide some of our best memories and most effective teachable moments.

Community Connection

Community Connection time provides our students with an opportunity to directly interact with our greater northern Michigan community on a regular basis. We utilize this time each week to invite guests into school - from speakers to musicians to artists to activists. We also use Community Connection time to engage in service work throughout the area as well as build community on our campus.

Electives

Students can choose up to two (2) 45-minute electives every 9 weeks. Although ever-changing, electives typically include art, cooking/culinary, music, gardening, reading and/or creative writing, wildlife exploration, competitive team sports, hiking, sledding and much, much more.

If you would like to schedule a building tour or a shadowing experience for your child, please contact us at (231) 421-5905 or at office@greenspireschool.org