



Reach out and open the door that no one thought could be opened. Life is behind it.

-Kelly Ann Rothmael

**The Chatfield School** enrolls Kindergarten through Eighth grade students who desire an exemplary educational experience. Chatfield School is a public school academy chartered by Saginaw Valley State University and is open to any K-8<sup>th</sup> grade student in Michigan. Because enrollment requests exceed the enrollment limits of the school, a waiting list for enrollment is maintained. A drawing is conducted each spring to fill vacancies. Once a family has a child enrolled, all siblings have priority for filling vacancies.

#### **The School-**

If children are to be successful learners, schools must create an environment in which teachers can teach and children can learn. The Mission of Chatfield School states:

*The Chatfield School is dedicated to building a partnership between parents and school staff to assure each child the best educational environment, the best teaching practices and the highest expectations for mastering skills and acquiring the knowledge to be successful in today's world.*

#### **The Teacher-**

Exceptional schools have one unifying quality, an innovative dedicated staff. Chatfield School has a community of educators and support persons who inspire one another to give each child the highest level of learning. The Chatfield Mission envisions the school's teachers as empowered, highly professional educators, confident in their own skills and knowledge, who work as a team to address the needs of their students and the expectations of parents with creative, effective methods.

#### **The Student-**

At Chatfield School, the child is the purpose. The focus of the school has and continues to be "What is best for the child?" The development of the whole child is a priority. Students are stimulated by a challenging academic curriculum. Each student is given time to master skills before moving on, and academically exceptional children are given acceleration tailored to their individual talents.

Students are viewed as individuals and their uniqueness is celebrated and encouraged. Chatfield students are responsible, respectful, motivated, honest, and dedicated to being a contributing citizen.

**K-5 Program of Study**

- English/Language Arts
- \* Math
- \*Social Studies
- \*Science
- \*Ecology, Spanish, Art, Vocal Music
- Physical Education, Technology
- Character Development, Band (grade 5)

**6-8 Program of Study**

- English
- \*Math
- \*History
- \*Science
- \*Ecology, Character Development
- \*Choice of 2 electives including, but not limited to choir, art, gym, Foreign languages, Technology, Band

**Team sports and after school clubs**

**Parents-**

Opportunities abound at Chatfield for parents to be actively involved. Teachers encourage and appreciate parent support. The Partners In Education (P.I.E.) parent group meets regularly and welcomes new members to assist in special events. Parents should talk with the P.I.E. leaders or their child's teacher to find ways they can be involved. Parental involvement is valued as an important part of a child's academic success.

**Community Service-**

The community service program is designed to involve every student at Chatfield in the life of our community and to foster concern for worldwide issues in order to aid students in discovering their ability and responsibility to make a difference in the world.

**Awards-**

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| Lapeer Great Teacher Foundation   | \$2,000,000 |
| Golden Apple Michigan Department of Education                             | \$50,000    |
| Dissemination Grant Federal Grant   | \$300,000   |
| Administrator of the Year Michigan Association of Public School Academies |             |
| DTE Middle School Math Award  | \$22,000    |
| DTE Mini Classroom Grant  | \$600       |
| Character Education Grant Federal Grant                                   |             |
| Top twenty highest Charter School MEAP scores                             |             |
| Gold star recognition as one of the 100 best Charter Schools in the U.S.  |             |

**The Chatfield School**

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**Enrollment is limited; forms are available at the school or on the school web site**