



Welcome to Hemmeter Elementary

A K-5 Gifted & Talented Magnet School

- A School with Four Walls and Tomorrow Inside!

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Why Choose Us:

- National Blue Ribbon Award Winner
- Top 15 Elementary School in Michigan
- Top 3 Magnet School in Michigan

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Mission Statement:

We, the staff of Hemmeter Elementary School, in partnership with family and community, will provide a positive educational environment for gifted and talented students: To grow academically; to develop a positive self-concept; and, to become responsible, contributing citizens.

About Hemmeter Elementary School

Hemmeter Elementary School is the oldest of the Saginaw Township Community Schools. According to "Remembering Our Past: Historic Saginaw Township" by Larry Toft, the original school on the property was built in 1837. In fact, the original school where Hemmeter now stands -- a one-room schoolhouse called the "Black School" -- was built the same year that Michigan became a state. The school currently has two or three classrooms in each grade, kindergarten through fifth, an art room with kiln, a computer lab, a media center, a large gymnasium, and before and after school programs. In addition to a very strong academic program, the curriculum at Hemmeter includes classes in music, art, and physical education. Hemmeter Elementary School provides a rich and diverse variety of programs for students, made possible in large part due to the very high rate of family and community participation and volunteering. Activities for students at Hemmeter include technology offerings, service projects, Hartley Nature Camp, fine and performing arts assemblies, and special days designed to enrich the curriculum. Hemmeter Elementary School is very fortunate to have such an exceptional faculty and the assistance of so many active families and volunteers.



This year, Hemmeter Elementary School will enroll approximately 401 gifted and talented students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We are very proud of the fact that the Hemmeter Elementary School gifted and talented magnet program attracts students from throughout the region and beyond.

Hemmeter Entry Requirements

Hemmeter is a gifted and talented magnet school with accelerated, in depth curriculum advancement for children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Thus, in order to attend Hemmeter, potential students need to meet a rigorous level of demonstrated ability. In general, students will need to perform in the top ten percent nationally on recognized and respected evaluations of cognitive ability and/or academic achievement. We complete evaluations of students free of charge during the spring of each year. Additionally, often times, we accept evaluations completed by outside sources, as long as original documentation is available, and the evaluations given meet our guidelines. In general, we accept evaluations complete by school psychologists, psychologists, and trained evaluators who use high quality, most recently published evaluations of academic achievement and/or cognitive ability. Examples of acceptable evaluations include, but are not limited to: the Cognitive Abilities Test, Form 6; the Cognitive Assessment System; the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test, second edition; the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, fourth edition; the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Intelligence Scale, third edition; and the Woodcock-Johnson Scales of Achievement or Ability, third edition.



Additionally, performance on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or the Stanford Achievement Test Series, tenth edition, may be helpful in making placement decisions. Curriculum Enhancement Our philosophy at Hemmeter is to provide a comprehensive educational program designed to develop the individual talents of identified gifted and talented students. This is accomplished through the broadening and accelerated quality instruction, which stresses higher level thinking skills adapted to the student's ability to learn and level of understanding. The differentiated curriculum will help our students realize their contributions to self and society.

Our Approach with Kindergartners

Currently, we have two kindergarten classes, taught by two fantastic teachers, Ms. Kern and Mrs. Laurenz. Our kindergarten classrooms are spacious with lots of natural sunlight and a terrific amount of rich educational material and learning activities. Currently, class sizes are 28 and 27 in the Kindergarten. Hemmeter's expectations for all students include the following goals:

1. To become responsible for their action and behavior in the classroom, complete all assignments, and be encouraged to attain personal goals set while in the program.
2. To master the curriculum requirements of Saginaw Township Community Schools and continue to achieve growth in enrichment areas.
3. To recognize the worth and dignity of themselves and others while developing skills which encourage growth as positive group members.



4. To develop abilities in problem solving, creative thinking, and decision making.
5. To develop independent study and research skills.
6. To be offered the opportunity to develop individual talents, interests, and potential in the areas of visual and performing arts, academics, and leadership.

Extra Activities

Hemmeter sponsors many after school activities to enrich student learning and experience at school. Some of the clubs include: Chess Club, Lego League Robotics, Destination Imagination Academic Teams, Scrabble Club, Spelling Bee, craft classes, Pottery Club, to name a few.

SPARK! Day

“Science Plus Art Reaching Kids!” is a day at Hemmeter where the school community comes together, with the support of many outside presenters, to develop and deliver rich learning experiences in art and science for all students. Students choose from three sessions and enjoy keynote speakers during the day.

Young at Art

“Young at Art” is a program provided by the HPTC, our amazing parent teacher council. Students enjoy many activities such as drawing, sculpting, theater, weaving, print-making, photography, and dance.

Expeditionary Learning through Field Trips

At Hemmeter, we truly believe in the power of expeditionary learning opportunities and provide for this through many field trip opportunities for all of our students. Teachers plan field trips to enhance the curriculum and learning in all grades. Many of our art experiences also include field trips.



Faculty & Administration

The faculty and principal at Hemmeter have been carefully selected for their depth of experience in working with gifted and talented students. It is the goal of the program at Hemmeter to help the entire staff to continue their personal and professional development by their attendance at school professional development meetings, as well as carefully chosen local and state conferences.

Parent Involvement

Parents and family members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in their child's education at Hemmeter. Parent and family help is needed as students complete required research projects which involve library trips and contact with outside resources. Parents and family members are encouraged to volunteer and share their talents with Hemmeter students. Our extremely active and successful Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council (HPTC) provides for financial and organizational support for many of the special activities which occur at Hemmeter.

Program Excellence

Each year student progress is evaluated using teacher, district, and state collected data and test scores and all students at Hemmeter are expected to rise to a very high level of performance. If it appears that a student is experiencing difficulties at Hemmeter, a plan is developed to address and monitor specific individual needs. Hemmeter provides an outstanding academic foundation for a lifetime of learning. Our dedicated faculty, administration, and staff, in addition to our challenging and enriching curriculum, assure that each student will reach his or her potential.