

Quick Reference Directory

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Berrien RESA School Directory:

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Juvenile Center
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Berrien Center, MI 49102
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Lighthouse Education Center
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What does the
**Berrien
Regional
Education
Service Agency**
actually do?

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Berrien RESA's Mission:

Provide programs and services to our constituent school districts which enhance learning opportunities for all students.

What is a RESA?

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs), sometimes called Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), exist to serve the common needs of their constituent local school districts. There are 57 RESAs/ISDs in Michigan, and every school district is part of one. Their primary mission is to foster efficiency and innovation while optimizing the use of public funds. By pooling resources and providing services regionally, RESAs provide cost-effective, high quality assistance to local school districts.

Berrien RESA proudly offers educational services to Berrien County's 16 public school districts, 24 parochial and private schools and four charter school academies. Listed below are some of the many services and programs that Berrien RESA provided in partnership with local school districts during the past school year:

Increase Student Achievement

- Career & Technical Education programs offered 35 programs to 3,333 high school students in 14 high schools, two non-public high schools and two Lake Michigan College campuses.
- Over 200 students with severe and moderate cognitive impairments attended Blossomland Learning Center.
- 2,200 children ages 0-5 were able to jump-start their reading skills through Early Childhood programs.
- Over 100 students with severe emotional or autistic impairments attended Lighthouse Education Center.
- 479 children ages 0-3 who may have special needs were served through Early On programs.
- Over 164 students continued their education while housed at the Berrien County Juvenile Center.
- Nearly 9,000 students participated in one of 20 Berrien RESA sponsored student activities.
- 105 academically talented students per year attend the Mathematics & Science Center program at Andrews University.

Shared Services

- On-site print shop saved local districts 30 percent on printing and graphic design needs.
- Over 12,564 educators participated in at least one of 618 professional development activities.
- Facilitated monthly meetings for superintendents, building principals, counselors, school business officials, and special education, technology, and curriculum directors.
- Secured over \$1.2 million in grants to provide services to students in Berrien County.
- Provided business services, pupil accounting, human resource services and coordination of substitute teachers.
- Medicaid billing generated \$1.3 million in revenue for special education services.
- Provided technology services like e-mail, web hosting, Internet, student information system, videoconferencing, data warehousing and E-rate applications.
- Crisis Response Team assisted building administrators in directing crisis resolution activities affecting staff and students.
- Provided language acquisition services for non-English speaking individuals.
- Over 212 homeless students were identified and education services were provided.
- Established a common school year calendar for local districts.

Creating Efficiencies

In addition to responding to customer needs, RESAs/ISDs are also called on to lead. Regional consultants work with experts across the state and nation to "bring home" best practices in teaching, state-of-the-art technology, the latest research and new ideas for system efficiency for Berrien County school districts. This proactive approach keeps local districts ahead of the learning curve and able to respond quickly to changes. RESAs/ISDs are dynamic organizations with an eye toward the future. As customer needs change, RESAs/ISDs rigorously explore new avenues for success.

To learn more about Berrien RESA, visit www.berrienresa.org and click on the Annual District Report.

Berrien RESA saves our schools money, time and duplication of effort. Every day.

