

Welcome to Glencairn Elementary

Parent-to-Parent tips and information
from the Glencairn
Parent Teacher Organization



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Welcome & Contacts

Welcome to Glencairn Elementary! We are very happy to have you join us, and happy to answer any questions you might have. In 2016-2017, our school had about 315 students total, from about 45 countries; about 65 were English Language Learners (ELL).

We have developed this packet full of parent-to-parent tips and resources. We hope you find it useful as you settle in to East Lansing and our Glencairn Elementary community.

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Glencairn Elementary Attendance Line

(Call here to leave a message if your child will be absent or late for school.)

517-333-7931

School Directory

(where you can look for your child's teacher's contact information and web page)

<http://elps.k12.mi.us/our-schools/glencairn-elementary-school/about-us/staff-directory/>

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

<http://elpls.k12.mi.us/our-schools/glencairn-elementary-school/parentsstudents/glencairn-school-association/>

The objectives of the Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization are to:

- Establish and maintain a working relationship among parents, school and community.
- Support school improvement teams and promote the finest education possible for the students at Glencairn Elementary.
- Develop programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum.
- Enhance the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies or programs that fall outside the school budget.

The PTO <u>DOES</u>	The PTO does <u>NOT</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school	<input type="checkbox"/> Run the school
<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage parents' involvement in their individual children's lives, education, class, and school	<input type="checkbox"/> Require parents to participate in PTO and/or school activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Set policy regarding school programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/> Define the school's curriculum
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide feedback/assist with increased awareness of school safety and security issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Define or interfere with the school's security program and policies
<input type="checkbox"/> Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Control the school's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Support the educational goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism	<input type="checkbox"/> Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or compliance factors
<input type="checkbox"/> Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff PTO functions and assist with school programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers, and other employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern
<input type="checkbox"/> Gather members to build a strong school community	<input type="checkbox"/>

This PTO is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

How to get Involved

There are many ways, as a parent, that you can help at our school. We realize that our parents have many different talents, work schedules, and obligations.

There are many ways to contribute to our school family and we appreciate all ways of helping. Here are a few ways to help listed below:

- Participate in a Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization meeting (PTO) (1 meeting or all meetings! You are always welcome to join.)
- Contact the PTO with new ideas
- Make a donation
- Assist with our Science and Math nights
- Help with Teacher Appreciation Week
- Attend our Dining Out events
- Help during our events
- Join our Baking Brigade for bake sales (during other events)
- Data Entry (great for those not available during the day)
- Volunteer in the classroom (ask your child's teacher about opportunities, every teacher has different needs and preferences)

PTO meetings are once a month, child care is available, as is transportation from Spartan Village and 1855 Place, if needed. We will discuss events that have occurred, vote on things we plan to do in the future, and listen to teacher presentations from one grade per meeting. We will also hear monthly from our Principal, Mrs. Ware. We plan activities and events in conjunction with our teachers and staff, to ensure good communication.

Volunteering

Volunteers receive a background check before they can volunteer with the school. You will need to renew this every two years. The form to request a background check is available on the School District website at http://elps.k12.mi.us/downloads/district_-_forms_notices_for_beginning_of_school/2015_volunteer_new_form_3-11-15.pdf.

You can always look for current volunteer opportunities through the PTO on "Signup Genius." This is a website that lets users create events and coordinate volunteers and donations online. Go to "Find a Signup" at [signupgenius.com \(http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup\)](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup) and search by Volunteer Coordinator Jen Pace's email address (jennifer.e.pace@gmail.com).

PTO Meetings & Events Calendar

You will learn about these and other school events in weekly newsletters from the school. Make sure the school administration has your preferred email address. Dates are subject to change so please read the weekly newsletters! TBD = to be determined.

Sep 05 - First Day of School Coffee, 8:40am, Glencairn Elementary School

Sep 12 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

Sep 14 - Curriculum Night (your child's teacher will review the curriculum and methodologies used in his/her classroom)

Oct 6 - Fun Run (rain date = October 13)

Oct 10 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

Nov 14 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

TBD: Science Night

Dec 12 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

TBD: Movie Night

Jan 9 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

TBD: Taste of Glencairn

Feb 13 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

TBD: Math Night

Mar 13 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

TBD: Book Bingo

April 10 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

May 7-11 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8 - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm social time, 7pm begin meeting

TBD: (Volunteer Breakfast; Celebration of Cultures)

June TBD - PTO Meeting

TBD: End of Year Picnic

For all PTO meetings, 6:30-7:00pm is social time. Official business is held between 7:00-8:00pm. A bus is available from 1855 Place and Spartan Village. Check the newsletter for schedule.

School & Community Websites

East Lansing Public School Board

<http://elps.k12.mi.us/>

Glencairn Elementary School

<http://elps.k12.mi.us/our-schools/glencairn-elementary-school/>

Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/GlencairnSchoolAssociation/>

Glencairn Elementary Families Facebook Group

Search Facebook for the “Glencairn Elementary Families” group and ask to join. You will be added to our group! This is where parents post and answer questions for each other. The school administration also posts here.

City of East Lansing

Web: <http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/>

Welcome page for international residents: <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/538/International-Residents>

East Lansing Public Library

<http://www.elpl.org/>

Save the date: “East Lansing Welcomes the World” – come to learn about community resources and sign your family up for library cards! October 1, 1:30-3:30pm. Also look for their “Practice English” sessions.

City of East Lansing Parks and Recreation

(Look here for youth sports leagues, swim lessons and art lessons at the Hannah Community Center.)

<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/799/Parks-Recreation-Arts>

MSU Student Parents on a Mission (SPOM)

<https://msu.edu/~studentp/>

MSU Community Volunteers for International Programs

<http://cvip.isp.msu.edu/> (Join one of their clubs! International Spouse Connection is a great group for spouses of MSU faculty and graduate students.)

Friendship House

(English language learner groups and other clubs. Inter-cultural/inter-faith.)

<http://friendshiphousemsu.global/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipHouseMSU/>

School District Calendar

[http://elps.k12.mi.us/downloads/district - calendars/2017-18 elementary.pdf](http://elps.k12.mi.us/downloads/district%20-%20calendars/2017-18%20elementary.pdf)

EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2017 - 2018 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR

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Hours of School

Full Day K-5 [Begin](#) [End](#)
8:45 a.m. 3:33 p.m.

1/2 Day AM K-5 8:45 a.m. 12:10 p.m.

- Professional Development Day for Staff/Teacher Work Day (No Classes K-12)
- No School All Day
- No School PM

*** March 30 no school day waiver will need approval of State of Michigan

School Buses

If you live more than a certain number of miles from Glencairn Elementary School (call the office to inquire), your child may ride the bus to school. If your child is eligible to ride a school bus and you have not received information on his/her pick up/drop off location and times, contact Tracey Moore at the Ingham Intermediate School District at 517244-1293 or tmoore@inghamisd.org. Also contact Tracey if your child is scheduled to ride a bus but does not need transportation. For all other questions pertaining to transportation, call the school bus company (Dean Transportation) dispatch at 517-319-8300. Please keep in mind that bus schedules are subject to change as enrollment changes.

Tardy Policy

Our opening bell for the beginning of the school day rings at 8:40 a.m. and students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:45 a.m. daily. If your child arrives to school after 8:45, please be sure to bring them to the office to sign in and get a tardy slip so they are not marked absent for the day.

We must send our hot lunch orders to the food service dept. by 9:10 sharp daily, so children arriving to school after 9:10 must bring a lunch from home. Children arriving after 9:10 without a home lunch, will be given a cheese sandwich and the fruit/veggie bar. This meal is charged to their lunch account.

School Procedures

Check out these cute **video resources for understanding many of the procedures at Glencairn**. The kids had fun creating videos to explain procedures like lunchroom expectations, end of day procedures, and even bathroom etiquette! It's a great kid-to-kid visual resource, especially for the very young and English language learners. <http://elps.k12.mi.us/our-schools/glencairn-elementary-school/parentsstudents/behavior-expectation-videos/>.

Pick up and Drop Off by Car

From our school Principal, Mrs. Ware:

Our children's safety is of the utmost important to us and therefore we have developed specific procedures for dropping children off and picking children up from Glencairn School.

Drop-Off: Student Drop-off and pick-up takes place along Northlawn Road, on the south side of the school. It works very well as long as adults do NOT sit or park in the drop off lane. When arriving at carline, pull forward, and encourage your child to quickly exit the car. If you need to spend any time talking with your child, please pull all the way forward, past the designated drop off area. If you want to walk with your child to their classroom line, or enter the building, please PARK in the front parking lot and walk around the building.

Pick-up: This also occurs along Northlawn. There is no need to arrive before 3:30. Our end-ofday bell rings at 3:33, but students need time to pack up their things and exit the building. When waiting in the carline at the end of the day, PLEASE be ready to pull forward as those in front of you depart. Students will stand with their peers, behind grade-level safety cones, as they wait for their ride and we will signal for your child as soon as possible.

The police and fire departments have informed us that we absolutely cannot have cars lined up on Harrison Road. If the pick-up line is long, and wrapping over onto Harrison Road when you arrive, you will be asked to bypass the line and drive down Northlawn, back out to Saginaw. You'll then turn right and drive back to Harrison again. The Carline will likely be shorter when you return in just a few minutes. NEVER double park or ask your child to run through the line of cars to enter your vehicle as you are passing carline on the left.

We understand that waiting for a child in carline can be frustrating. We therefore recommend coming 3-4 minutes later - closer to 3:40.

Please know that we are doing the best we can with carline. It is not easy. It is very important that we all work together to create a safe and orderly pick-up and drop-off experience for the children.

Lunch & Snacks

Your child's teacher will let you know if there are any restrictions on what to send for your child's snack each day. Some classrooms have restrictions because some children have severe food allergies.

Your child can either bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch at school. You can read about the school district's Food Services here: <http://elps.k12.mi.us/our-district/departments/food-service/>

Parents can make deposits to pay for their child's meals online at www.elps.k12.mi.us (there is an additional fee for this option) or payments can be made in the main office. Checks should be made out to: East Lansing Public Schools. If you have any questions about our district lunch or breakfast program, please call Sandy Leach at 333-7473.

Your child may be eligible to receive free or reduced lunch. You can ask about this possibility at the main office, and applications are also available online at www.lunchapp.com.

Glencairn School participates in the Building Healthy Communities Grant, to provide students with the healthiest educational environment possible. In lieu of traditional sugary treats associated with parties and celebrations (such as cupcakes, cookies, cake, and ice cream), we are asking families to join us in selecting healthier food options! When sending snacks or treats to school, please provide healthy food and beverage options. Children learn best when they have healthy snacks to help them grow and stay healthy. The students will learn about healthy eating at Morning Celebration and in our classrooms throughout the year. A good guideline to follow when determining foods for healthy snacks is to choose foods and beverages that are low in added sugar and fat and are minimally processed.

Immunizations

The State of Michigan requires all students to have certain immunizations before attending school. Glencairn Elementary will ask you to provide documentation of these immunizations. If your child is missing immunizations, you can receive them at your doctor's office or at the Ingham County Health Department (see link below for hours and details.) To learn more about the requirements, please visit:

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/042613_4_schoolrequirements_419077_7.pdf

Ingham County Health Department immunization page:

<http://hd.ingham.org/ForParents/Immunizations.aspx>

Car Seats

Michigan's Child Passenger Safety Law requires:

Children younger than age 4 to ride in a car seat in the rear seat if the vehicle has a rear seat. If all available rear seats are occupied by children under 4, then a child under 4 may ride in a car seat in the front seat. A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off. Children to be properly buckled in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4-feet-9-inches tall. Children must ride in a seat until they reach the age requirement or the height requirement, whichever comes first.

You can buy car seats and booster seats at any of the "super stores" listed under the Shopping section of this packet (Meijer, Target, Walmart). You can stop by any police or fire station and they will happily check to make sure you have installed your car seat correctly.

Michigan State Policy child passenger safety webpage:

http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297_64773_22774---,00.html

Winter in Michigan

Winter is a great season for outdoor activities, such as sledding and skating. Cold weather, ice, and snow can be fun but also dangerous for children. The following tips will help parents and children enjoy winter activities safely.

East Lansing Temperatures (Fahrenheit)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Average high in °F:	29	32	43	56	68	78
Average low in °F:	13	15	24	35	46	55
Av. precipitation in inch:	1.57	1.38	2.13	3.27	2.68	3.07

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average high in °F:	82	80	72	60	46	34
Average low in °F:	59	57	49	38	29	20
Av. precipitation in inch:	2.99	3.43	3.39	2.44	2.6	1.97

School Cancellations

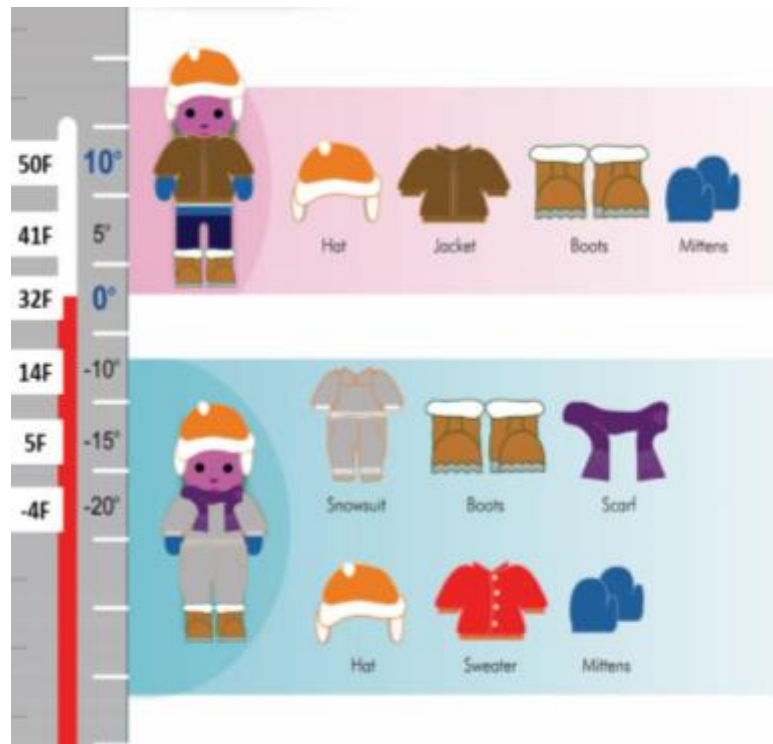
School may be canceled at times due to extreme snowfall or dangerously low temperatures. You will receive a recorded phone call from the East Lansing Public School District the night before or early in the morning of the cancellation. You can also tune in to local television and radio stations to hear about school closures in the area.

Winter Clothing

- Coat and Snow Pants: Your child will need a warm winter coat and pants. It should be thick enough to keep their body warm on very cold days and keep the wind off their body. Look for coats and snow pants that are water resistant so that your child stays warm and dry. A good winter coat will cost about \$50 or more for a child.
- Hat: In cold weather, we lose most of our body heat through our heads. Wearing a warm hat helps prevent this heat loss. Warm winter hats are made from wool, fleece or another synthetic material, and cover your head and ears. It is important to cover your child's ears, because that is where we are most likely to get frostbite.
- Scarf: If your coat does not cover your neck, you will need a scarf to keep the wind away from your exposed skin.
- Gloves or mittens: Your hands and fingers can get cold very easily. Mittens or gloves can help keep your hands warm. Mittens are usually warmer than gloves, but make it difficult to use your fingers and hands. When playing outside, children often wear mittens because of their warmth and insulation.
- Boots: Boots keep your feet warm and dry. Make sure the boots are water-resistant or waterproof and at least cover the ankles. Good winter boots will keep moisture away from your feet, and be well insulated to keep your feet warm. Good quality boots for children will cost around 30 - \$60.

Tips

- Dress your child in layers so that they can add or remove a sweater as needed.
- You can buy winter coats and snow pants at "super stores" like Meijer, Target and Walmart, and at department stores, and some clothing stores like Old Navy (in the Meridian Mall).
- Leave extra socks and mittens in your child's locker so they can change to a dry pair if necessary.
- Please talk to your child's teacher or the Glencairn Administrative Assistant if you are unable to purchase winter clothing for your child.



The school has winter clothing for children who need it. Please ask at the main office if you are interested in using this resource.

Driving Safely in Winter

The Department of State and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association recommend the following tips to keep you and your family safe while driving in winter weather:

http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1585_50413-203799--,00.html

- No matter the season, drinking and driving is dangerous and illegal.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good working order.
 - Have working wiper blades
 - Fill up on antifreeze and window-washer fluid (buy winter window-washer fluid, it will not freeze on your windshield)
 - Check for proper tire inflation
 - Ensure your battery has sufficient charge
- Keep an emergency kit ready in your vehicle. It should include:
 - A blanket or warm clothes (boots, coat, gloves)
 - A flashlight
 - Jumper cables
 - Tow rope
 - Shovel
 - Bag of sand or cat litter for traction
 - Battery-operated radio
 - State map to use in case of a detour
 - Snacks such as raisins, candy bars or other items that store well
- To avoid slipping off the roadway, drive more slowly and give yourself more room to stop.
 - Brake gently to prevent skidding
- If your vehicle does get stuck:
 - Never spin your wheels. That only digs the tires in more deeply
 - Use a shovel to dig around the wheels and undercarriage
 - Turn the steering wheel from side to side to clear snow away from the front tires
 - Gently ease the vehicle out
 - If that doesn't work, try rocking the vehicle by shifting into forward and giving it some gas and then shifting it into reverse and accelerating until the vehicle is free
- Let other people know your travel plans so if you don't arrive they'll know where look.
- Make sure your vehicle has fresh air if you become stuck by checking the exhaust system to see if it's plugged by snow.
 - Open a window or turn off your car if necessary
 - Carbon monoxide produced by your vehicle is a colorless, odorless gas that can kill
- Check the news for weather reports or visit weather sites such as www.weather.gov.

Daily Morning Celebration

At Glencairn School we begin every morning together in the gym as a school family. We say the Pledge of Allegiance, greet each other with a smile and handshake, listen to announcements, recognize students' and staff birthdays, learn about a different country every week and conclude by singing a Peace Pledge. During the first few weeks in the fall, students also practice learning the names of every staff member in our school. Before long we introduce the game "Around the world with teacher names." Learning the names (as well as something about each adult at our school) helps our children to feel safe, and a member of the entire school community. Morning Celebration is also the forum we use for staff and student-led announcements, student recognition, and special presentations. Parents, guardians and family members are always welcome at our Morning Celebrations, which begin at 8:50 and conclude by 9:05 a.m.

Transportation

Here are some tips from other international parents:

Useful apps for download to your smartphone

- GoogleMaps
- Uber and Lyft “rideshare” companies
- SpartaRide (gives a live map of the MSU bus system, providing a live feed of bus locations and bus stop locations)

Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)

(For local bus transportation, including on MSU campus.)

<https://www.cata.org/Routes-Schedules>

Car Share Service

Zip Car is useful if you have driver’s license but no car.

Taxis

- Royal Express (517) 489-9717
- Green Cab (517) 643-1905
- L-Town (517) 706-7992

Note that if using Uber or Lyft, kids must use an approved car seat or booster seat, but this is not required in taxis.

Free Walmart Shuttle Bus

Search for options under the “Lansing Area” section.

<https://www.indiantrails.com/walmart>

Ask at the office of your apartment complex, they may have free buses to campus or shopping centers too.

Glencairn Elementary has funds to pay for taxi rides if you must pick up a sick child from school. Please contact Mrs. Ware or Mrs. Fromson in the front office to ask how this works.

Grocery Stores

Meijer

2055 West Grand River Ave
Okemos, MI 48864-1799
(517) 349-6800

1350 West Lake Lansing Rd
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 332-2444

Meijer stores have almost anything you could be looking for, from a full selection of food, to clothes, furniture, electronics, and home necessities, all at good prices. They have weekly sales on food that are very good. This is a great one-stop-shop!

Kroger

4884 Marsh Rd
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 347-0100

1550 W Lake Lansing Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 351-9361

Kroger is more of a traditional American grocery store, selling mainly food products. They also have weekly sales, but only to shoppers with a special card. In order to take advantage of these sales, before you begin your first shopping trip, make sure to sign up for a card in the customer service area, usually at the front of the store.

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market

940 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 803-4498

This is the closet grocery store to campus. Crossed between a farmer's market and a neighborhood store, it features a wide array of organic products, bulk items and produce.

Specialized Food Stores

Asian

Better Asian Market
901 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8441

Great China Market
1060 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8441

Asian's Best
5412 W Michigan Ave
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 323-7600

Kim's Oriental
901 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 337-2525

Oriental Mart
2800 East Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 337-2519

Spartan Oriental Shoppe
134 North Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 332-5920

Far East Market
3415 S Cedar St
Lansing, MI 48910
(517) 887-2483

Her's Oriental Market
2404 East Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 702-2635

Indian

Swagadh Inc
1060 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 333-6296

International (Variety)

American International Bulk Food
6016 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 393-1130

Mexican

La Frontera Mexican Products
5852 S Martin L King Jr. Blvd
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 393-0202

Laperla Grocery Mexican Store
1040 S Pennsylvania Ave
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 377-0917

Super Mercado La Estrella
2604 N East St
Lansing, MI 48906
(517) 267-1201

Middle Eastern

Alquodus Halal Market
1609 E Michigan Ave
Lansing, MI 48912-2822
(517) 485-3375

Banks

MSU Federal Credit Union

<https://www.msufcu.org/>

(517) 333-2424

Michigan State University
600 East Crescent Rd,
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

523 E. Grand River
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

1775 Central Park Dr.
Okemos, Michigan 48864

MSU Union Building
East Lansing, MI 48824

Citizens Bank

www.citizenonline.com

1331 E Grand River Ave # 1
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: (517) 337-6509

5050 Marsh Rd. Suite 1
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 337-4227

3015 E. Saginaw St.
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: (517) 351-1111

Fifth Third Bank

www.53.com

4815 Okemos Road
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 347-7852

2501 Coolidge Rd # 102
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: (517) 351-3742

1427 W Saginaw St # 100
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: (517) 336-7332

La Salle Bank

www.lasallebank.com

University Branch
2731 East Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: (517) 336-7038

Frاندor Branch
300 Frاندor Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: (517) 351-6217

Meridian Branch
4738 Central Park Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 347-3509

Mobile Phones

While there are many cell phone companies around East Lansing, consider service through a national company. Not only will service and reception most likely be better, but if you plan to travel in the United States, these companies will have better options. Pay-as-you-go phone cards are available at most pharmacies. Some national companies to visit around East Lansing include:

Alltel

209 Mac Avenue
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: (517) 336-9900

Cingular Wireless

1982 W Grand River Ave
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 349-0034

Sprint

2959 Preyde Blvd
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: (517) 367-7600

T-Mobile

518 Frandor Ave
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: (517) 337-1927

2189 W Grand River Ave.

Lansing, MI 48906
Phone: (517) 349-8014

Verizon Wireless

1930 W Grand River Ave
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 347-9700

1305 Jolly Rd
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 272-4079

Shopping

Malls

The easiest way to go shopping for everything you need is to visit one of the three malls in the Lansing area. With a variety of stores, you can find almost anything you need!

Eastwood Towne Center

www.shopeastwoodtownecenter.com

Preyde Boulevard
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: (517) 316-9209
Hours vary by individual store

Lansing Mall

www.lansingmall.com

5330 West Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 321-0145
Monday through Saturday 10:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Meridian Mall

www.meridianmall.com

1982 W. Grand River Ave.
Okemos, MI
(517) 349-2031
Monday through Saturday 10:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Super Stores

Individual stores throughout the East Lansing area are great ways to shop for everything you need as well. Stores such as Meijer, Target, and Walmart offer everything from clothing and food, to furniture, office supplies & film developing.

Meijer (open 24 hours)

www.meijer.com
1350 W. Lake Lansing Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 332-2444

2055 W Grand River
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 349-6800

Target: Monday through Saturday 8:00am to 10:00pm
Sunday 8:00am to 9:00pm

Walmart

www.walmart.com
5110 Times Square
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 381-5243
Open 7:00am to 10:00pm

Target

www.target.com
4890 Marsh Rd
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 347-0700

3225 Towne Centre Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 487-9150
Open 24 hours

Used Clothing & Household Items

There are many places around East Lansing that sell used items very cheaply. This is a great option if you are looking for furniture, clothing, kitchen supplies, and/or other things at a low price.

Second Time Around

4737 Marsh Rd.
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 349-2151

A clothing store for men, women, and children of all ages with good prices. Very near to the Meijer in Okemos.

Plato's Closet

2843 E Grand River Ave
East Lansing, 48823
(517) 332-6622

Sells men's and women's clothing, specifically for the high school/college aged person. Clothes are still fairly cheap, yet are often much trendier than at other used clothing stores.

Volunteers of America Thrift Store

5411 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI
(517) 272-3126

Items available include clothing, shoes, books, games, household appliances and furniture. There truly is something for everyone.

Goodwill Industries

2200 Coolidge Rd. #16
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 203-2548

Sells everything from clothing to household items and furniture at reasonable prices. The Target next door often donates its unsold clearance items, so sometimes you can buy brand new items at very good prices!

CVIP Lending Center

1434 F Spartan Village
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 353-1735

Volunteers gather and prepare donated household items for distribution to international students.

MSU Surplus Store

468 Green Way
East Lansing, MI 48824 (517) 355-1723

Open to public on Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. the Surplus store sells furniture, electronics, kitchen supplies, bicycles and other goods that were once used by the university.

Fundraising

Many events at Glencairn, like the fun run, raise funds for the school and special activities. There are a few other ways that you can help raise funds for Glencairn Elementary:



These are Box Tops for Education, which can be found on many packages you find at the grocery store. **For every Box Top collected, 10 cents will go back to our school.** It doesn't seem like much, but they add up! We use the box top funds to pay Preuss Pets to help maintain our fish tanks. *Collect Box Tops and send them in with your child! There is also a collection box in the hallway by the office.*



If you shop at the Kroger grocery store, you can sign up for a **Kroger Plus card** that can save you money on your purchase. You then go to the Kroger website, and register your card for Community Rewards Program, while selecting "*Glencairn School Association.*" For every purchase you make when using the Kroger Plus card, they will contribute to our school!



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