

BENZIE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

9300 Homestead Road

Benzonia, MI 49616

Phone: 231-882-4498

Fax: 231-882-7627

8th grade

WELCOME!

Thank you for enrolling your student in the Benzie County Central School District.

Included in the attached enrollment packet are the following documents:

- **Course List**
- **Enrollment Form**
- **Public Act 328** – States whether or not your child has been expelled from any other school district. Please fill in student name and date of birth, check an option and sign at the bottom.
- **Residency Verification Affidavit** – This form is to verify you live in our district. Please provide two (2) separate items showing physical address and fill out bottom portion. If you are residing with another family, the person whom you are residing with needs to sign the form and provide proof of address.
- **Record Request** – This allows Benzie Central Middle School to get information from the previous school your child attended.
- **Transportation Request** – This form is faxed to our transportation department.
- **Affidavit of Proof of Student Age and Identity** – You must provide a certified birth certificate.
- **Title VII Student Eligibility Certification** – This form is optional. This form determines if your child meets the criteria to qualify under the Indian Education Program.
- **Permission to Publish Student Photograph and/or Work** – by signing this form you allow Benzie Central Schools to publish photographs and/or work from your child on our district website, a teacher's web pages, or distribute to local print media sources.
- **Internet Registration Contract** – By signing this form you allow your child to access the internet.
- **Handbook Acknowledgment Form-Handbook is available on our website**
- **Free/Reduced Lunch Form-available on our website**
- **School Supply List** – This is a suggested supply list, nothing is required.

Documents you will need to provide:

- Certified copy of birth
- Two Separate items showing physical address
- Immunizations
- Last report card
- If your child is in special education please provide most recent IEP.

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8th GRADES COURSES

Choose One	English 8	Areas of concentration will be: grammar, ACT/SAT vocabulary, short stories/drama/poetry/myths, at least three novels of fiction, at least one novel of non-fiction, informal essay/formal essay/research-based writing. Added emphasis will be placed on independent reading projects (three total projects that include reading at least four novels) and public speaking.
	Honors English 8	Areas of concentration will be: advanced grammar, extensive ACT/SAT vocabulary, short stories/drama/poetry/myths, at least five novels of fiction, at least two novels of non-fiction, various selections of classical literature, informal essay/formal essay/research based writing. Added emphasis will be placed on independent reading projects (three total projects that include reading at least seven novels), public speaking, and one community service assignment. Prerequisites include: place in the top 28 via one take-home exam, one in-class exam, M-STEP and /or NWEA test results (ELA portions), AIMS test results, and 7 th grade performance (all four marking periods).
Choose One	Math 8	This course is designed to prepare students for Algebra I in 9 th grade. It covers the Common Core State Standards for 8 th grade math. Topics include, but are not limited to: linear equations and inequalities, systems of equations, functions, statistics and geometry.
	Algebra 1	This class is designed for the accelerated math student, who achieved a B+ or better in Honors Math 7 (Pre-Algebra). This class is worth one high school credit towards graduation and will also begin a high school GPA. This course includes, but is not limited to, linear, quadratic, polynomial, and exponential functions. Prerequisites include: Having taken Honors Math 7 (Pre-Algebra) AND teacher recommendation.
3	Science 8	An integrated curriculum consisting of the study of matter, energy, chemistry, motion and forces, while making connections to the physical world. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through labs, observations, projects, and writing. This class is worth one high school credit towards graduation and will also begin a high school GPA
4	Social Studies 8	Eighth grade Social Studies is a full year course. The student through reading, lecture, projects, and activities will explore the history of the United States. The elements of study include geography, government, history, and economics from the American Revolution to 1900.
5	Advisory	This class supports academic success and is intended to provide consistent adult guidance at school. All middle school students will be assigned an Advisor and will meet with them each day. Advisory builds relationships between teachers and students to promote academic achievement and character education.
6	Literacy	This class is designed to transform how students transact with text and lay foundations for students to become active, thoughtful, literate participants in our society. Students will rotate four times in a year; science, math, English, science. Each class will focus on literacy content for the subject matter.
7	Enrichment	A sequence of four, nine-week, courses of study to enhance career exposure in the areas of: Spanish, Ag. Science, Career exploration and Health education.
8	Elective	See Elective Page

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Electives One Required

The following classes are yearlong; please review your options with your child and seek an understanding for their level of interest and commitment. You are required to choose two classes.

Band

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Benzie Band is under the direction of Mr. Mike Eagan. The band has received Superior and Excellent ratings at Band and Orchestra Concert Festival under his direction. The Band is comprised of 8th grade students.

8th Grade Advanced Band: This advanced-level band class emphasizes on the development of full-band performance skills in preparation for concerts and competitions. The elements of more complex music theory and interpretation are addressed and a higher level of technical playing proficiency is developed.

Choir

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Benzie Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Christy Case. Middle school choir is designed to teach beginning singing skills through individual and group practice of vocal warm-ups & techniques, music theory, and performance. These skills are reinforced on a daily basis throughout the school year. In performance classes students learn most of the content and skills by experiencing them directly through performance of the music (learn by doing).

Physical Education

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A co-ed class where health and hygiene are emphasized by earning grades for dressing-out and participating in daily exercises and sports activities to increase physical fitness.

Body Mechanics (100 Level)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to give its participants the opportunity to learn training concepts and techniques used for obtaining and maintaining optimal physical fitness. Students will benefit from comprehensive weight training, cardio-respiratory endurance activities, and an introduction to performance-based training. Students will learn and apply the basic fundamentals of weight training, strength training, aerobic training, fitness training/conditioning, nutrition, and applied functional sciences (i.e., the convergence of physical, biological and behavioral sciences that consist of the principals, strategies, and techniques process for functional assessment, training and conditioning, rehabilitation and injury prevention). Prerequisite: athletics team

Benzie Theater Art

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Beginning: Benzie Theater Arts class is designed to teach students public speaking skills so that they can become more confident individuals. It is also designed to give students a basic idea of all the elements of theater. At the end of the year we will put all the elements together for an end of the year performance project.

Art 1

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Art 2 is a yearlong course, students will develop their understanding about art history, the elements and principles of art and you will create many advanced projects using a variety of media such as clay, sculpture, painting, drawing, paper mache, oil pastels and more. **Prerequisite Include Art 1**

PUBLIC ACT 328

Public Act 328 (effective January 1, 1995), requires public school districts to expel any student who possesses a dangerous weapon in a weapon-free school zone or commits either arson or rape in a school building or on school property (including school buses and/or other school transportation).

A dangerous weapon is defined as "a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife with a blade over three (3) inches in length, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar or brass knuckles" or other devices designed to or likely to inflict bodily harm, including, but not limited to, air guns and explosive devices.

Pursuant to 1995 Public Act 328 _____
(student name) (date of birth)

Check One:

- ___ 1. Has not been expelled from another school
- ___ 2. Has been expelled from another school (or has expulsion charges pending).
- ___ 3. Is currently under suspension from another school.

If you checked box 2 or 3, please explain the circumstances below:

I understand and agree that pursuant to 1995 Public Act 328 that:

- (1) The Benzie County Central Schools will request records from the above named student's previous school(s); and*
- (2) Until the records are received and reviewed by the school, enrollment is conditional; and*
- (3) If student records received from the previous school(s) are not as represented above, the above named student may be excluded from Benzie County Central Schools immediately without further recourse.*

Signature: Parent/Guardian (or student if 18 years of age or more)

Date

Benzie County Central School District
Benzie Central Middle School
9300 Homestead Rd
Benzonia, MI 49616
Phone: 231-882-4498 Fax: 231-882-7627
Attention: Catina Crossman
RECORD REQUEST

Name of Last School Attended: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

The following student has enrolled in our school district:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Please forward the above students cumulative records, including any psychological testing and/or any other special testing for academic class information.

PI 93-380, THE FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT says that written consent of the parent/guardian/eligible student IS NOT REQUIRED to release educational records to officials of other schools or school systems in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Signature: Parent/Guardian/School Official

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Please fax the following as soon as possible:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Last Report Card/Most Recent Grades | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any Special Ed Information | <input type="checkbox"/> UIC Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any physical on file | |

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Handbook Acknowledgment Sheet

Handbook:

My signature acknowledges that I have read the student handbook online (www.benzieschools.net) or have requested and received a copy of the handbook. I am responsible for abiding by the guidelines and regulations for student conduct therein.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Technology Acceptable Use Agreement Form: (pg. 22)

My signature acknowledges that I have read the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement Form online (www.benzieschools.net) or have requested and received a copy of the agreement. I am responsible for abiding by the guidelines and regulations of student contact therein.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Permission to Publish Student Photographs and/or work: (pg. 32)

My signature acknowledges that I give my child permission to be photographed or videotaped. Photographs may be used on district website, may be published in teacher web pages, or may be distributed to local print media sources. No other information about our child or his/her school work will be revealed without prior consent. YES, I give my consent to publish my students' photographs and/or work.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS
9222 Homestead Rd,
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231-882-9653

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION AFFIDAVIT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Michigan school districts have the right to require proof of residency regarding enrollment. By signing this affidavit, you are affirming that the address given on all forms is the current legal residence of the parent/guardian enrolling the student and is the residence of the student.

SHOULD THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARN THAT THE NOTED ADDRESS IS NOT THE RESIDENCE AND/OR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN LIVES OUTSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND THE STUDENT IS NOT AN AUTHORIZED NON-RESIDENT STUDENT, HE/SHE WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IMMEDIATELY.

Further, the district shall require payment of tuition for the time in attendance as a non-resident and will take legal steps to recover the same.

The Benzie County Central School District requires verification of residency by parent/guardian providing originals of two separate items on the list below. School district personnel will make copies and return the originals. All documents must be current and contain name and address. Envelopes with the post office forwarding label will not be accepted.

- Driver's License OR Voter Registration
- Insurance Form
- Lease Agreement
- Purchase Agreement
- Moving Bill
- Utility Bill
- Other – Specify _____

If living in the home of another person and no rental or lease agreement exists, that person must sign this document and provide one proof of residency. Parent/guardian must provide the second proof item.

Person With Whom Residing: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Student Name

Grade

Address: _____

P.O. Box #

Street

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

All information below must be **completed** and received by the Transportation Department **prior** to service being provided. The Director of Transportation will check your address for a safe, legal bus stop and contact you **within three school days** with your route number and pick-up/drop-off times.

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Phones: Home; _____ Work; _____ Cell; _____

Email: _____

Pick-up/Drop-off address: (if different) _____

Mother Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Father Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

On the lines below please list emergency contacts.

It is very important that we are supplied with at least one alternate contact name and/or number, particularly for elementary students.

Name: _____

Relation to child/family: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Relation to child/family: _____ Phone: _____

If there is any further information (i.e. medical, allergies, etc.) you feel we should be aware of, please explain: _____

FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY - We will not drop your child off at a location unless there is adult supervision. Please see Transportation Guidelines.

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Affidavit of Proof of Student Age and Identity

In order to enroll

_____, in
Benzie Central Middle School on
_____ (date):

The Michigan Missing Children's Act, MCL 380.1135 of the Revised Schools Code, requires that a person enrolling a pupil in a school provide the local or intermediate school district with a certified copy of the pupil's birth certificate or other reliable proof of the pupil's identity. Pertinent parts of this law state:

1. Upon enrollment for the first time in a local or intermediate school district (ISD), the local district/ISD shall notify in writing the person enrolling the student that within 30 days he or she must provide to the local district/ISD either of the following:
 - a. A certified copy of the student's birth certificate
 - b. Other reliable proof, as determined by the school district, of the student's identity and age **accompanied by** an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate

In accordance with MCL 380.1135 (1) (b), this affidavit is being employed to accompany other reliable proof of age and identity of the aforementioned student. Please indicate the other reliable proof this affidavit is accompanying:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Certified Birth Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Baptismal Certificate indicating date and place of birth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | County, military or immigration records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Doctor or hospital records accompanied by sworn statements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A sworn statement from a parent or guardian (notarized) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Court Records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Life Insurance policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Certain family records: _____ |

In accordance with MCL 380.1135 (1) (b), please explain the reasons for the inability to provide a certified copy of the aforementioned student's birth certificate:

Signature of School Official Processing Enrollment

Date

Signature of Person Enrolling the Student (parent/Guardian/Student>18) Date

*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Student's Legal Name:

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

Date of Birth:

City Of Birth:

Mother's Name:

Maiden Name: _____

Father's Name:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

TITLE VII STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION
Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title VII, Part A, Subpart 1

Parents: Please return this completed form to your child's school. In order to apply for a formula grant under the Indian Education Program, your child's school must determine the number of Indian children enrolled. Any child who meets the following definition may be counted for this purpose. You are not required to complete or submit this form to the school. However, if you choose not to submit a form, the school cannot count your child for funding under the program. **This form will become part of your child's school record and will not need to be completed every year.** This form will be maintained at the school and information on the form will not be released without your written approval.

Definition: Indian means any individual who is (1) a member (as defined by the Indian tribe or band) of an Indian tribe or band, including those Indian tribe or bands terminated since 1940, and those recognized by the State in which the tribe or band reside; or (2) a descendent in the first or second degree (parent or grandparent) as described in (1); or (3) considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or (4) an Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaska Native; or (5) a member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect October 19, 1994.

NAME OF CHILD _____ Date of Birth _____
(as shown on school enrollment records)

School Name _____ Grade _____

NAME OF TRIBE, BAND OR GROUP _____

Tribe, Band or Group is: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Federally Recognized, Including Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> State Recognized	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	<input type="checkbox"/> Organized Indian Group Meeting #5 of the Definition Above
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Name of individual with tribal membership: _____

Individual named is (check one): Child Child's Parent Child's grandparent

Proof of membership, as defined by tribe, band, or group is:

A. Membership or enrollment number (if readily available) _____ **OR**
Other (explain) _____

Name and address of organization maintaining membership data for the tribe, band or group:

I verify that the information provided is accurate:

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mailing address: _____ Telephone _____

Notice: Public Reporting Burden Notice on Reverse Side

PAPERWORK BURDEN STATEMENT

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1875-0240. The time required to complete this portion of the information collection per type of respondent is estimated to average: 15 minutes per Indian student certification (ED 506) form: including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to:** Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., FOB-6/Room 5C152, Washington, D.C. 20202-6335.