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Area High School Provides Extensive Flexibility

HOWELL, Michigan — In 1995, the future Kensington Woods High School (KWHS) administration knew that the most effective way not only to reach students, but also to prepare them for the challenges of the world, was to increase flexibility—in instruction, in scheduling and in offerings. Ten years later, KWHS is seeing the results of this belief.

Today, Kensington Woods is leading the way academically and professionally, and, in the process, has become the model for what works in education. “We knew that the traditional American secondary school could be adjusted to better meet the challenges of the modern world,” says Chuck Stockwell, President of CS Partners. “It is so heartening to see those beliefs take hold and grow.”

This willingness to alter the schedule to fit the needs of the students has been a key reason for the growth and success of Kensington. For example, Zero hour begins before the start of the school day, and 7th hour extends one hour past the typical day’s end, both times that were underutilized or non-existent in traditional school scheduling. The additional hours are meant to accommodate the students, instead of the other way around. This means students can start and end their six-hour day earlier OR later, whichever works best with their schedule. Moreover, *FlexTrac* evening classes from 3pm – 7pm can be used for accelerated learning, credit recovery or the full time program.

Kyle Walker could be considered a typical Kensington Woods student in that he explores his professional interests and earns high school graduation credits within the same schedule. He spends 3rd through 6th hour on campus studying chemistry, geometry, American history and American literature. Kyle takes French as a community resource class through KWHS. In addition, he also focuses on his true calling and professional

goal—flying. “I’ve always had an interest in flying,” explains Kyle. “I plan on studying aviation in college and making a career out of it.”

Kensington Woods’ non-paid internship program, in which students explore careers or develop professional skills, is also geared to the students’ academic schedule. Likewise, community resource courses allow students to work with a licensed or degreed professional for elective credit. The specially designed syllabus and curriculum is tailored to fit the schedules and academic focus of Kensington Woods students. “This is not the old work-study or co-op mold of the past,” says Kensington Woods principal Jim Perry. “Our internships are built around the academic rigor of the Kensington Woods curriculum and around the professional goals of our student body.”

Kensington Woods High School is welcoming enrollment for the second semester. For parents and students interested in obtaining more information about Kensington, an **Open House** will be held on **Thursday, January 19, from 4 – 7 p.m.** Other inquiries may be directed to Jim Perry, at 517-545-0828. Kensington Woods is located on the campus of Cleary University, 3700 Cleary Drive, Howell, Michigan, and on the web at www.kensingtonwoodshs.com.

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Kensington Woods High School is a fully accredited, state-funded, tuition-free high school. Kensington Woods is managed by CS Partners, an educational service provider based in Howell. CS Partners uses professional educators and administrators, plus research-tested methods and structures to oversee school management.