

Youth Advancement Academy Update

Month: July 2025

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Update:

In early June, a YAA representative contacted KRESA to request sixth grade students be added to the charter contract based on recent inquiries from our local districts. While those inquiries included the request to add lower elementary grades, the YAA board felt the most viable additional programming option would be sixth grade when considering their existing programming and suspension and expulsion policies and procedures in Michigan.

The current charter contract between Kalamazoo RESA and YAA states: “The Academy will enroll students in seventh through twelfth grade. The Academy may add grades with the prior written approval of the Superintendent or the KRESA Board”.

The request to add sixth grade to YAA was taken to our local district superintendents for discussion. They agreed to the addition and felt it would help to meet the needs of their students.

Therefore, we are requesting the board’s approval to expand the YAAs student enrollment guidelines to encompass sixth through twelfth grade beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

Action Item:

Yes

Fiscal Impact:

None

Attachments:

None

