

EATON RAPIDS

The Island City



Eaton Rapids, voted “A Family Friendly Community”, is just minutes from Lansing, Jackson or Battle Creek .

This community nestled on the banks of the picturesque Grand River has offered a wholesome environment for families to flourish for over 150 years. From its modern schools, keeping pace with up-to-date technology; to the historical Miller Dairy, host to dozens of community activities; Eaton Rapids is a friendly place to learn, live, work and visit.

Starting with preschool and day care facilities to benefit busy parents and enhance early learning opportunities, the public schools play a vital role in making Eaton Rapids a “Family Friendly Community.” Three elementary schools and separate buildings for both fifth/sixth as well as seventh/eighth grade levels complete the educational package for early and middle grades.

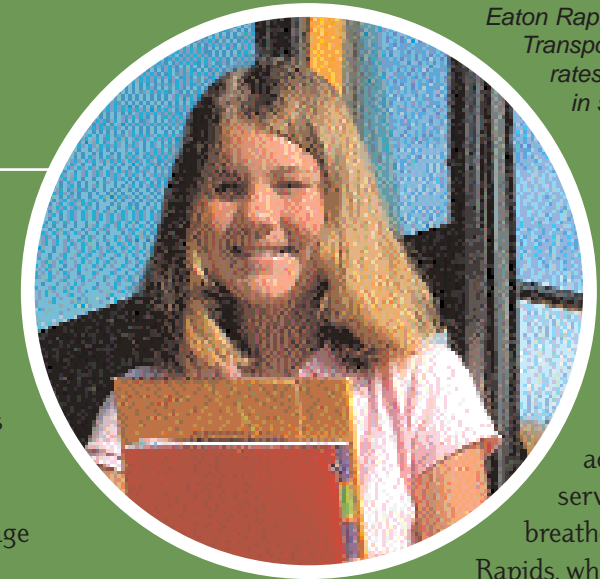


A friendly, safe place to learn

Eaton Rapids High School offers a full range of educational experiences, sports, music and extra curricular activities to prepare the graduates for college, careers and real life experiences. Special needs programs are available through all levels, as well as an alternative to traditional High School.

Eaton Rapids’ schools encourage active participation through partnerships with community organizations and a strong volunteer base. The schools serve as the focal point for many community activities by providing

- Community Swimming Pool
- Theatre and Concert Facilities
- Community Meeting Space
- Youth Recreation



Eaton Rapids Schools Transportation Department rates consistently high in safety.

Old fashioned community events are at the heart of Eaton Rapids. Many active community service organizations breathe life into Eaton Rapids, whether it is through the Fourth of July and Christmas parades, the summer “Dam” Festival, or the Eaton Rapids Arts Council Banner Project.

Dubbed the “Island City,” miles of the Grand River and Spring Brook wind through Eaton Rapids making water activities tops on everyone’s list. With canoeing, fishing and leisure strolls along the river walk, every day is like a trip up north. G.A.R Island Park is at the center of downtown, as well as seven other parks and the “Playground of Dreams.” A boat launch, five ball diamonds, soccer and football fields with several golf courses to round out the recreational needs of any active family.



A Family Friendly Community

Visit the Eaton Rapids Public Schools Website at:
www.erps.k12.mi.us
 or call 517-663-8155

Housing Friendly



With a family friendly atmosphere and a central location, it's no wonder that growing families are considering the move to Eaton Rapids. New subdivisions are being built with generous yards in the rolling acreage that surrounds the historical central city area. Preserving the past while planning for the future – that's what makes Eaton Rapids the perfect place for business, family, and enjoying the good life.

You can find everything you need right in Eaton Rapids!

There are ten churches and eight civic groups to choose from providing the community with solid guidance and willing support for worthy projects. There are over 160 businesses providing for the needs of the community in the service-oriented tradition that defines hometown service.

All the city amenities of Lansing, Jackson or Battle Creek are just a few minutes away–

- 3 Shopping Malls
- 8 Colleges and Training Centers
- 3 Major Airports
- Theatres/Entertainment Venues
- Sports Facilities



Eaton Rapids property tax rates are more than 30% lower than the average of the surrounding communities* –a real money savings when buying or renting a home.

* Based on the published tax rates for 2004 as reported by the Lansing Board of Realtors®



Health Care Friendly



The Eaton Rapids Medical Center is a licensed, acute care facility which offers 24-hour emergency service, inpatient and outpatient care and surgeries. Physical therapy and full service laboratory and radiology departments ensure a health care continuum for most needs. An Express Care Walk-in Clinic is available 24/7 for non-emergency health issues and specialty physician services are available through the specialty clinics at the hospital. The Health Works® Fitness Center is open to the public and offers the latest in equipment for most every style of training and exercise routine.

The Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic and Family Care Center offer primary care services for patients and their families. Eaton Rapids also has private physicians, dentists, pharmacists and chiropractic clinics serving the community.

Industry Friendly



Eaton Rapids is located at the junction of two state highways (M-99 and M-50) making it a central location for manufacturing, shipping and other business activities.

Eaton Rapids' solid business and industrial companies are proud to call Eaton Rapids home. The city's largest industrial employer, Meridian Magnesium Products of America, Inc., a state of the art magnesium die cast automotive supplier, is a consistent supporter of the community and schools.

As a growing community, Eaton Rapids not only invites new families, but welcomes new businesses as well.

For more information call the City of Eaton Rapids: 517-663-8118

