

Our Focus

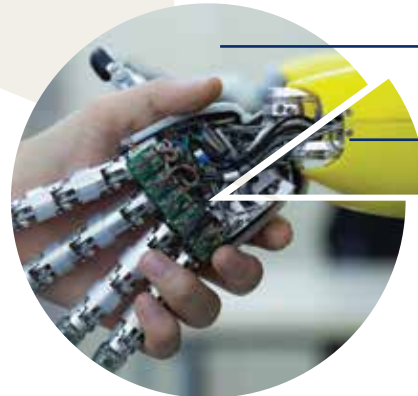
WMAA provides an innovative high school curriculum designed for students who have a passion for aviation and/or an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

We are a public charter school, which means we are open to everyone. Students are selected through a lottery system. We opened our doors in 2010, and have reached our capacity of over 600 students in grades 9-12.

Students choose to attend WMAA because they want to achieve more. We set a high standard for what is acceptable in terms of behavior and performance, but we also provide every bit of support we possibly can to help students find their avenue to success. Those standards attract parents and students who are looking for something different in their high school experience.

Our Challenge

As a public charter school, West Michigan Aviation Academy receives a per pupil stipend which covers the traditional courses. However, the Academy provides educational opportunities above and beyond what can be found in other high schools. Those opportunities require an investment of \$1,000 per year, per student. That's why we need your support.



→ 90% State funding for core subjects

→ 10% Philanthropy to fund advanced programs

The Development Office Role:

- Fill the gap between state funding and actual cost
- Secure additional funds to advance our quality and mission

Soaring Together Program

When you join our Soaring Together program with a gift of \$1,000 or more, you have a direct impact on our students and staff.

For more information about the Soaring Together program, please contact:

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Here are a few examples of how your gift will help us:

\$20,000

- continue to keep our students safe and cover all of the costs for an engine overhaul
- provide transportation bus passes for ALL of our WMAA students who use them for a year
- build student leaders by paying for our entire new student orientation program

\$15,000

- fund the Private Pilot Flight Training instruction for two students
- cover the costs of our entire Summer Glider Camp Program

\$10,000

- pay for 90% of our hangar fees for the whole year
- provide staff professional development and continuing education for our entire staff

\$5,000

- continue to keep our students safe by paying for two 100-hour airplane inspections
- cover all of the competition fees for the Robotics Teams for a year
- fund all of the annual supply costs for Aerospace Engineering classes

\$2,500

- provide monthly ACE Incentive flights for a year
- cover the cost of the annual Redbird Simulator maintenance contract
- update the Introduction to Robotics course equipment
- pay for the field trips to engineering companies for all of our students taking engineering coursework — over half of our student body

\$1,000

- send students to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo Restoration Project on an annual basis
- purchase all of the materials for one VEX robotics team
- send 24 students on job shadowing experiences to work alongside local engineers
- purchase 3D printing materials for the entire year
- cover the annual cost of uniforms for 16 new students



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