

Here are some of the advantages of sending your children to Owendale-Gagetown Area School District:

- We did **not** cut any academic or athletic programs for the 2011-12 school year and do not plan to for the 2012-2013 year.
- Owengage's MEAP scores are nearly all at or above the State's average. The MME results show that Owengage's High School has met or exceeded standards in all subject areas including writing and our High School was one of four schools in the thumb that met or exceeded standards. Our ACT score was one of the top ACT scores in the area.
- Small class size – our elementary school's average class size is 22 students per teacher. The Junior and Senior High class size average is 15 students per teacher.
- Financial stability – although the State continues to cut funding we will have a balanced budget.
- We have incorporated new computers and other technology items throughout the building to benefit all learners.
- Family atmosphere – Owengage prides itself on providing a safe learning environment with enriched programming. The staff is caring and nurturing allowing students and parents to feel comfortable spending time in the school setting.
- Owengage continues to be supported by a volunteer nurse.
- Our elementary students have the following extra programs: computers, music, physical education, and Spanish. Band is also offered beginning at the fifth grade level.
- Preschool -- Owengage operates and maintains a preschool program that provides early learning experiences to children beginning at the age of three.
- Junior High students have complete computer instruction and the ability to participate in a quality band program or take a foreign language.
- Additional support is given daily with the assistance of our highly qualified paraprofessional staff in both the elementary and Jr./Sr. High.
- Tutoring is available every lunch period and after school, Monday-Thursday, in the Homework Lab.

- Our High School curriculum is solid and meets all the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements of the State.
- All teaching staff is Highly Qualified and continues to enroll in quality professional development that is research-based to best meet the needs of all students.
- Our students have access to the Huron Technical Center to take many technical and vocational classes. Because of the accommodating schedule, our High School students that attend the Technical Center can still take three classes at the High School so they do not have to make as many tough choices when choosing their classes.
- Online classes – The school offers a variety of online courses to help students meet the Michigan Merit Requirements.
- We have a Student Service Coordinator making sure that all high school students are on track with classes, scholarships, and college selection.
- Owengage offers a variety of sports such as Eight-man football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, and golf. All students are able to participate and be a part of winning pride. Owengage's girls recently won the Varsity Girls Basketball Districts; an example of how many of the athletic programs see success throughout the seasons.
- Our students compete in competitions such as the local Geography Bee and Junior Student Achievement.
- Our telephones are still answered by a person and not a computerized system. If you reach a recording, most likely school has been let out for the summer. Leave a message and someone will get back with you.
- Community is always welcome. We welcome all walkers to come and use the gym when class is not in session. We have an annual open-house and host at least two music concerts a year. Other events such as our annual Fun-Fair are exciting and fun for the whole family. Donuts for Dad and Muffins for Mom are perfect opportunities to come and explore the elementary classrooms as well as the twice-a-year book fair. The end of the year Grandparent's/Special Person Day is another time that allows us to share what we have to offer with the community.