



2026 Michigan Regional Braille Challenge

About

Students who are blind/low vision (BLV) and read braille are invited to participate online or in person in the 2026 Michigan Regional Braille Challenge. Braille Challenge is an academic competition unlike any other; this two-stage contest is designed to motivate students who are BLV to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success with fun-filled, but challenging, regional and national events. After this initial round, students who qualify will be invited to compete in the Braille Challenge Finals, hosted by Braille Institute.

This event is hosted by MDE RBLV in collaboration with Kent Intermediate School District (ISD) and Macomb ISD.

Audience:

This event is for students in Michigan who are in grades 1-12 and read braille.

Can't attend Braille Challenge in person or online? Contact Sara Cruchelow at cruchelows@michigan.gov or 517-480-2333 to take the challenge with your teacher for the visually impaired anytime during the competition window.

Contestants who are registered by January 7, 2026, will receive an event t-shirt.

January 24, 2026, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Location:

Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC)
1655 E. Beltline Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Sign Up: bit.ly/Braille2026Kent

Deadline: January 7, 2026

February 21, 2026, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Location:

Macomb ISD
44001 Garfield Rd.
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Sign Up: bit.ly/Braille2026Macomb

Deadline: February 4, 2026



Location:

Online
Sign Up: bit.ly/Braille2026Virtual

Deadline: February 4, 2026