Intermediate School Districts (ISD) are county or multi-county education agencies, intended to provide services and support to local school districts within their boundaries. ISDs also have the authority to approve the opening of charter schools, although not all of them do.

**Washtenaw Intermediate School District** is unusual in that it only has one school – Honey Creek Community School of Ann Arbor – which it opened in 1995 because it is so selective.

Honey Creek Community School, which now serves students in grades K-8, consistently ranks among the top 20 percent of schools each academic year. According to the 2013-14 accountability scorecard, 96 percent of Honey Creek students were proficient in reading.

The school is self-managed, meaning that the school board and staff run the school, rather than a charter operator.

According to Washtenaw ISD, they have received countless proposals for potential new schools, but only Honey Creek Community School has met the authorizer’s high bar for opening. Washtenaw ISD also continues to monitor Honey Creek Community School’s academic data, including a comprehensive evaluation when the school was up for contract renewal in 2013.