

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2026/2027 **Aviation Academy** with LESA and Crosswinds Aviation.

The 1st day of school in Howell is Aug. 19th, however the **first day of class for the Aviation Academy is Monday, Aug. 31st, 2026.** This year we have 2 sessions; morning session will be **7:30am- 9:00 am** and afternoon session will be **12:50 – 2:20p.m.** Please look at your class schedule closely to know which session you will be in. Students can meet with school counselors to review their schedules and answer questions. **Our classroom is at Crosswinds Aviation, 3808 W. Grand River, Howell, MI 48855** which is located on the field at Livingston County Airport. We will be reviewing the parking policy during the first week. Students, please plan on arriving a few minutes early to get parked and find our classroom.

Crosswinds Aviation will be working with each parent and student to provide a free flight in association with STEM Flights and the Young Eagles Program through the EAA.

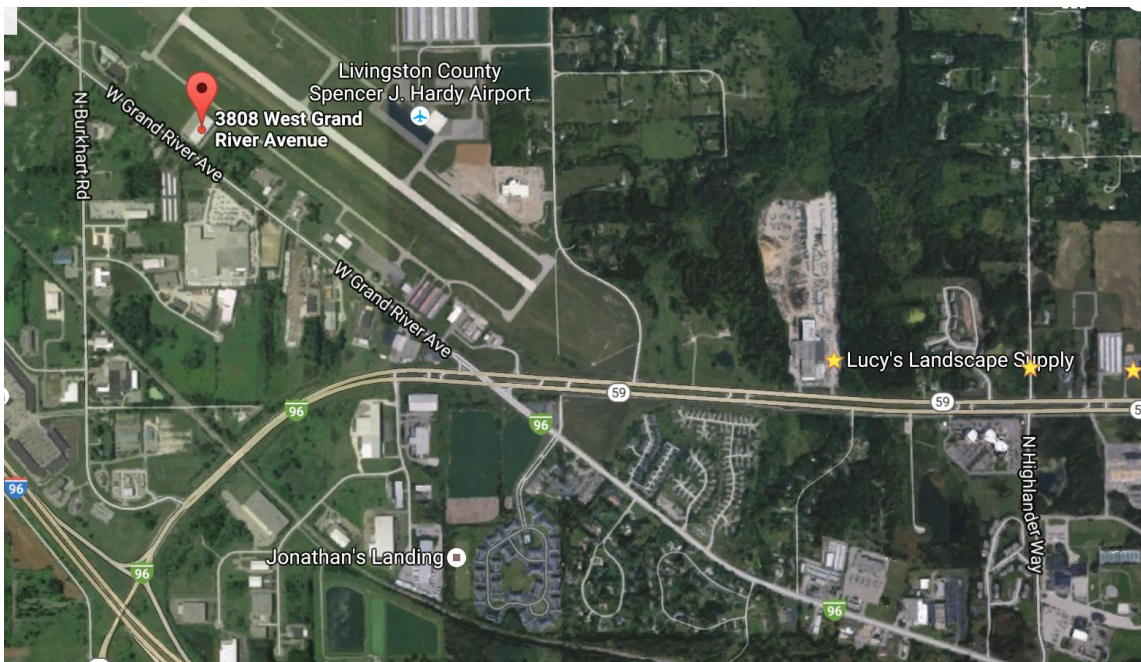
Please sign up for STEM flights at <https://www.stemflights.org/applyforastemflight>

- Follow Steps 1-6. There is some work for the student to accomplish before they get their flight.
- No letter of Recommendation is required since the student is participating in the Aviation Class.
- Under Referral Question choose Flight School - Crosswinds Aviation – Howell
- Under letter of recommendation – Please put NA- No letter of recommendation is required

Please make sure to complete the application and work before **September 11, 2026.**

Once the student has completed the work, a Crosswinds Aviation team member will reach out to the parent to request the date and time for the student to get their STEM/EAA Flight. Parents must be present at the beginning of the flight to sign waivers. The student's free flight will be flown by one of our experienced Crosswinds Aviation STEM/EAA Young Eagle Pilots. After this flight is accomplished, each student will receive a logbook with an access code to unlock numerous benefits we will be utilizing during the year. If you would like to learn more about these programs, you can visit their websites at: www.stemflights.org and www.youngeagles.org. Have questions- please email us at LESA@crosswindsaviation.com.

Location of Class- 3808 W. Grand River, Howell, 48855. We are 1 mile north-west of M-59 on Grand River. The road narrows to 2 lanes and turn into the drive with the sign for Crosswinds Aviation. There is a gate there but turn right into the back parking lot and drive all the way around. After parking, enter the last set of glass doors.



Our instructor for this class will be Alex Croff, a FAA Certified Flight Instructor, who also has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Kentucky. After working for corporations as a financial analyst, Alex felt compelled by his passion and interest in aviation that he left his financial analyst job and decided to pursue aviation as his career. He received all his ratings at Skywalker Flight School in Adrian, MI and has been the Ground Group Class Instructor there since March of 2026. He comes to us with enthusiasm and passion to share in Aviation and Flight!

Textbooks and aviation training materials required for the curriculum are provided by LESA. You will have the option to purchase some of them at the end of the year.

School supplies that are needed for the class **for students to bring** are the following:

- 3-ring notebook – 1.5”
- 8-tab dividers
- Lined paper
- Dark Colored Felt tip Markers
- Pencils & Pens & 5 color Highlighter set

Please bring your supplies and a willingness to learn!

We will be holding the LESA Aviation Academy Orientation on September 9th via in person at 6:30pm at Crosswinds Aviation. If you cannot attend in person, please email us at lesa@crosswindsaviation.com.

This will be an opportunity to ask questions, receive additional information about the program, meeting our staff and a tour of Crosswinds Aviation (if you choose to attend in person).

Attendance at the Orientation date is mandatory for all parents and students. If you are not able to attend either in person or Zoom that evening, we will be sending a link to the recorded Zoom call for you to watch.

PLEASE REVIEW LESA AVIATION POLICIES BEFORE COMING TO CLASS!

It is required for all parents and students to sign online that they have read and understand the policies.

As a first assignment for the class, please complete the following before Aug. 31st on our website

www.crosswindsaviation.com/lesa-aviation

- Please read the Classroom Policies – Parent and Student
- Please complete the form on our website
 - Sign for agreement with the classroom policies and procedures
 - Please Fill out and sign the transportation form for field trips.
 - Please Fill out and sign the Photo Release form.

If you have any questions prior to the start of the school year, please call or email us!

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