

*Make sure you also visit:*

The Miller House, circa 1864

The Miller Barn-longest in the state

The Ice Cream Parlor-have a dip!

The 1860's Plains Road Bible Church

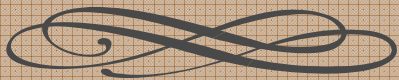
The Museum

The Blacksmith Shop

The Miller Marketplace Gift Shop

Krista's Heirloom Garden

Or—book a dinner, meeting, or party at  
one of our historic buildings!



635 State Street  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 USA

EATON RAPIDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE EXPERIENCE

*Relive a 19th-Century School Day  
in our historic*

# ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE EXPERIENCE



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### *At the school, students will:*

- Experience what it was like to go to school in rural Michigan in the late 1800's
- Participate in lessons such as a spelling bee, elocution exercises, and a "Blab School"
- Do arithmetic and writing on slates
- Practice reading and reciting from the McGuffey Reader
- Learn to play 19th century games and find out how families lived during that time.

Students will leave with a better understanding of early education and hopefully a better appreciation of their present school program. They will learn about the history of our city and what it would have been like to attend school in Eaton Rapids before electricity, phones, and computers, and will participate in the "readin', ritin', and 'rithmetic" that would have been taught at that time. They will learn about early classroom discipline and what life might have been like in general during those early years.

This is a half-day experience, with lunch time and recess. There is a fee per child for the program. Scholarships may be available for students who are unable to pay. Check our website for more information regarding this new and exciting program! <http://www.eatonrapidshistory.com>

**The schoolhouse is available for field trips, special programs, seminars, birthday parties, and other events. Just ask! [info@eatonrapidshistory.com](mailto:info@eatonrapidshistory.com)**

## *Program Information*

**Location:** The Wright School at the Miller Farm, 635 State Street, Eaton Rapids, Mi. Eaton Rapids is about 20 miles south of Lansing.

**Fee:** \$4 per student; teachers and chaperones free.

Payment is required one week in advance of visit, or earlier. Cancellations must be made at least 3 days in advance of scheduled visit to receive refund of fees paid. Minimum 15 students, maximum 30.

**When:** September-November, April-June

**Session:** 3 hours, but can be adjusted to your schedule  
**Geared** towards K-6 students

**Options:** There is also a teacher-led option so that teachers can incorporate the experience completely into their own lesson plans.

**Dress:** Students and adults are encouraged to dress appropriately for the era (see info on our website).

**Advance Planning:** A packet will be sent to the teacher before your visit with information to help enhance your student's experience here.

**Prices and programs subject to change**

Call for reservations or more information:  
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### *The Wright School*

In 1839 New York natives Deodatus and Serena Wright settled in Parma Township along the Territorial Road (present-day Comdon Road). In 1870 the Wrights sold a parcel of their farmland, which included this site, to School District No. 7 of Parma and Sheridan townships. Soon after, this schoolhouse was built, replacing an earlier wooden structure located across the road. Classes were held in "Wright School" until 1967. The township purchased the property in 1980. A few years ago, it was given to the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society and the building was moved to the Miller property where it has been restored. Donations from generous members of the community have helped furnish the school in an authentic manner, along with countless hours of hard work by our volunteers.



Students will experience what it might have been like to live and learn in rural Eaton Rapids at the turn of the nineteenth century. Classes are led by costumed docents and schoolmams using slates and McGuffey Readers, in a real 1870's one-room schoolhouse.