



Jackson Public Schools

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District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2018-19 educational progress for Jackson Public Schools and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Julie A. Baker at 517-841-2157 for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2IsoJea>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This report section presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2018-19 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Bennett Elementary	No Label	
Cascades Elementary	No Label	
Dibble Elementary	No Label	
Frost Elementary	No Label	
Hunt Elementary	No Label	
JPS Montessori School	No Label	
Northeast Elementary	No Label	
Sharp Park Academy	No Label	
Middle School at Parkside	ATS	NAACP Youth Council, Read and Math 180, After School Program
Fourth Street Learning Center	CSI	Social Emotional Learning and Supports, Success Coaches
Jackson High School	TSI	Credit Recovery Opportunities, Visible Learning
Pathways	No Label	
T.A. Wilson	No Label	
South Central Michigan Virtual	CSI	Success and Graduation Coaches, Tutoring

Jackson Public Schools is committed to academic excellence and providing a 21st Century learning experience for every child. We offer innovative programs to benefit students of all ages, including preschool, Young Fives, Primary Kindergarten, and Jackson County’s only free K-5 Montessori program. We also offer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art,

and Mathematics) and world language programs for students in our elementaries, and a virtual program for K-12 students at South Central Michigan Virtual. Jackson High School offers students an exciting range of opportunities, including extensive AP course offerings, dual enrollment, enhanced math and AP courses, and career path training made possible through our partnerships with area colleges and the Jackson Career Center. Recently, we have added Wayne State University as a partner in our Early College.

Jackson Public Schools is dedicated to meeting the needs of all students using a whole child approach. Social Emotional Learning curriculums, success coaches, and restorative practices help us address the social and emotional wellbeing of students. Our staff partners with students and families via the student study team process to provide support and resources to families to improve attendance, behavior, and academic achievement. Our instructional staff uses data from the Inspect interim assessments, NWEA, and other assessments in an ongoing basis to monitor the progress of students and inform instruction. This ensures that teachers are meeting the needs of all students and providing additional time, support, and intervention as needed. The Inspect assessments are also leading our staff to increase the rigor of their instruction, and improving the pacing and alignment of the instruction to improve student achievement.

We invite parents and community members to partner with us! There are a variety of ways to get involved, from participating in school events, to joining the PTO or the school improvement team. Contact your school's office or follow your school on Facebook, Twitter, JPSK12.org, or the JPS app for more information.

It's a great day to be a Viking at Jackson Public Schools!

Sincerely,

Jeff Beal, Superintendent