



MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mort Meier, Superintendent

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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 2015-16 educational progress for Marion Public 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 the superintendent's office at 231-743-2486 for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website at www.marion.k12.mi.us or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Elementary or Junior High school assessment results on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-Step), high school assessment results on Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and M-Step also assessment results for students with disabilities on Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access or M-Step)

- Presents achievement data for all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing) compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students.
- Helps parents understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and State achievement.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

Information is provided for the district and each school related to achievement targets in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies answering questions like:

- Did the district (and schools) meet achievement targets for all students and subgroups of students?
- Did the district (and schools) meet achievement growth targets for all students and subgroups of students?

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Report percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

Review the table below listing our schools. The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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
Elementary School	No Status Label	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have dedicated Federal and State grant money to intensive reading intervention programs. 2. We differentiate our instruction. 3. All students reading at grade level or better by the time they exit Marion Elementary School. 4. Our school improvement plan addresses goals and objectives that are designed to increase student achievement in the areas of math, science and writing.
Jr./Sr. High School	Rewards School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of an academic intervention class that assists students with missing assignments. 2. The creation of a seminar class where all students can go to teachers in the subject areas that they are struggling in to get extra help. 3. Special Education teachers are being pushed into classrooms where special education students need additional help 4. Special Education teachers have open periods on Fridays in order to work one on one with struggling students.

Marion Public Schools is proud to serve our students and our community. We have a dedicated and a highly qualified staff that continually strives toward improvement using data driven decision making processes, the most recent and up to date curriculum and collaborative professional development.

Marion Public Schools consists of two buildings. Students are assigned to either the Elementary School, grades K–5, or the Jr./Sr. High School based upon age and grade level. At the Elementary School we house a Pre-School and a Head Start program. At our High School, MPS offers on-line courses, dual enrollment classes and opportunities to train for careers through the Wexford Missaukee Career Technical Center Programs. The Common Core Curriculum is fully implemented, in both schools, which is the State model and there are no variances from this State model.

Our Elementary School is a two time Michigan Association of School Board award winning school for its dynamic before and after school program entitled ROAR (Raising Our Academic Results). The program invites students to arrive before school starts or stay after school ends to work on focused learning objectives. The program is staffed by highly qualified certified teachers that provide tutorial style instruction. The instruction occurs in our library/computer center.

Our High School finalized its fifth year of a program entitled Safe and Supportive Schools, which focuses on matching positive student behavior with academic achievement. Student Leadership groups partner with fellow students and professional staff to create a school climate which embraces respect and excellence. We have a successful athletic program featuring Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Competitive Cheer and Track.

All children want to learn. They enjoy the excitement of discovering something new. Our schools are a place where students can stretch their imaginations, investigate their world, follow their creativities and move forward with their education. Our mission is that together, with families and community, Marion Public Schools will educate all students to their unique potential in a safe, inspiring and supportive environment, preparing them to succeed in an ever changing world. Our entire staff is dedicated and skilled, making connections with individual students to help fulfill this mission. Our students have terrific potential and working together with you we can launch them on a great path of success. Please stop in and say hello, share ideas or make suggestions. My door is always open.

Together, we are Marion Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Mort Meier
Superintendent