



MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Marion Elementary School
Mort Meier, Principal

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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 2015-2016 education progress for Marion Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mort Meier, Elementary School Principal, for assistance.

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

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. There is no status label at this time for Marion Elementary.

Though our achievement data indicates student performance is holding steady, our challenge is to help our students increase their achievement. We believe that reading is the most important academic skill a student needs. One of our key initiatives is to have all students reading at grade level or better by the time they exit Marion Elementary School. Our second initiative is to have all third graders reading at third grade level or better by the time they leave third grade.

To accomplish this goal and accelerate student achievement, we have dedicated Federal and State grant money to intensive reading intervention programs. Also, we differentiate our instruction to meet specific learning levels of individual students.

State Law requires that we also report the following additional information.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL: Marion Public Schools assigns students to its elementary school based upon age and grade level. Marion Elementary School houses grades kindergarten through fifth with approximately 250 students.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: The 2016–2017 school year will see the evaluation of the school improvement plan.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL: Marion School District has no "Specialized Schools." Marion Public Schools is a school district consisting of two buildings. An elementary school, grades K-5 and a secondary school grades 6-12.

IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL: A copy of the Core Curriculum can be located in each classroom. A copy of the Core Curriculum can also be located at the Michigan Department of Education web-site at: www.michigan.gov. The Common Core Curriculum is fully implemented, which is the State model. There are no variances from the State model as MPS has fully embraced implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR STATE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:

2015-2016 M-Step

	Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Not Proficient
Grade 3 ELA	10.5	42.1	28.9	18.4
Grade 3 Math	10.9	42.1	11.0	18.4
Grade 4 ELA	11.1	31.1	26.7	31.1
Grade 4 Math	4.5	43.2	45.5	6.8
Grade 4 Science	13.1	11.1	22.2	53.3
Grade 5 ELA	≤=5%	25.5	53.2	17.0
Grade 5 Math	8.5	19.1	36.2	36.2
Grade 5 Social Studies	≤=5%	21.3	59.6	17.0

Similarly with other CORE subjects, our school improvement plan addresses goals and objectives that are designed to increase student achievement in the areas of math, science and writing.

IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Marion Elementary School has a Parent/Teacher conference attendance percentage rate of 93%. Beyond, this percentage the other 7% are contacted by phone or mail.

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.

Marion Elementary School believes in and follows our school district mission; "Our mission is that together, with family and community, Marion Public Schools will educate all students to their full potential in a safe, inspiring and supportive environment, preparing them to succeed in an ever-changing world."

Sincerely,

Mort Meier
Elementary School Principal