

EAST GRAND RAPIDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

2017-2018 Annual Education Report



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*Educating and inspiring each
student to navigate successfully
in a global community*

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present our Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-2017 educational progress for East Grand Rapids Middle 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 me for assistance at amorey@egrps.org.

The AER data is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [link](#) or you may review a copy in the school main office. This cover letter is available at [link](#).

For the 2016-2017 school year, schools were identified using new 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 three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance 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 label is given. Our school was not given a label.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are proud to report for the 2017-2018 school year, that 81% of East Grand Rapids Middle School's 664 students were represented by parents at fall conferences. For the 2016-2017 school year, 79% of East Grand Rapids Middle School's 698 students were represented by parents at fall conferences.

SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Placement in any of our three elementary buildings is based on attendance area, availability, and class size. At the secondary level, we have one middle school for students in grades 6-8 and one high school for students in grades 9-12.

CORE CURRICULUM

As part of our Strategic Plan, East Grand Rapids Public Schools' teachers, parents, administrators, and community members work together to align all curriculum areas with state and national standards. The Common Core State Standards have been embedded into our K-12 ELA, K-12 mathematics, and 6-12 social studies and science curricula. Our goal is to develop an integrated framework for 21st century student outcomes that encompasses curriculum, instruction, and assessment, which ultimately affect student learning. All curriculum documents are available on our website: www.egrps.org/District/Curriculum/index.html.

Through collaboration at every level, East Grand Rapids stands out as a model of public school success and we have received many state and national accolades, honors, and awards in our long history. We view these achievements as a challenge as we endeavor to continually improve our curriculum and instructional practices to meet the needs of all students.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR LOCAL AND NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

MATH 2015-2018

Middle School					
Growth: Math 6+ CCSS 2010 V2 Common Core State Standards Mathematics					
Term	Grade	Student Count	Mean RIT	Std Dev	Median
Winter 2017-2018	6	200	228.0	13.6	229
Fall 2017-2018	6	200	222.3	12.8	223
Winter 2016-2017	6	229	227.6	14.0	227
Fall 2016-2017	6	227	222.4	13.0	222
Winter 2015-2016	6	211	228.4	14.3	228
Fall 2015-2016	6	210	220.6	13.6	220
Winter 2017-2018	7	239	236.2	15.4	237
Fall 2017-2018	7	236	231.3	15.4	231
Winter 2016-2017	7	220	236.7	16.6	238
Fall 2016-2017	7	222	231.5	16.0	231
Winter 2015-2016	7	240	238.2	14.7	240
Fall 2015-2016	7	240	232.4	14.2	232

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 2017-2018

Note: MAP ELA changed from V1 Common Core to V2 Common Core, therefore only 1 year of data is available

Middle School					
Growth: Language 2-12 CCSS 2010 V2 Common Core State Standards English Language Arts/ Literacy					
Term	Grade	Student Count	Mean RIT	Std Dev	Median
Winter 2017-2018	6	200	217.5	13.1	219
Fall 2017-2018	6	200	215.7	12.1	217
Winter 2017-2018	7	239	225.8	11.5	226
Fall 2017-2018	7	236	223.8	11.2	224

READING 2017-2018

Note: MAP Reading changed from V2 Common Core to V3 Common Core, therefore only 1 year of data is available

Middle School					
Growth: Reading 6+ CCSS 2010 V3 Common Core State Standards English Language Arts/ Literacy					
Term	Grade	Student Count	Mean RIT	Std Dev	Median
Winter 2017-2018	6	200	218.7	13.6	221
Fall 2017-2018	6	200	217.3	12.2	219
Winter 2017-2018	7	239	224.8	11.8	225
Fall 2017-2018	7	236	222.5	12.5	223

PSAT Grade 8 PSAT

East Grand Rapids Middle School						
	Mean Total Score	% Meeting Both Benchmarks	Mean ERW Score	% Meeting ERW Benchmark	Mean Math Score	% Meeting Math Benchmark
Spring 2018	968	75%	485	88%	482	77%
Spring 2017	966	72%	482	86%	484	74%
Spring 2016	977	78%	486	92%	490	79%



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The overall objective of the School Improvement Team is to increase student achievement in the core curriculum areas. Each core academic department meets with the district's assessment director to analyze the M-STEP data, determine the gaps in our curriculum, and critically analyze effective methods of teaching to improve student achievement.

We believe student academic achievement, as well as the development of the whole student, are equally important goals. Through the emphasis of *Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best*, these goals merge to create a culture of learning and development which is uniquely East Grand Rapids Middle School. Our faculty and staff constantly and consistently model these values to enhance the social and emotional well-being of our students.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

East Grand Rapids Middle School is committed to ensuring a positive and healthy learning environment for all students. During the 2017-2018 school year, a special School Day Study Team researched organizational structures supportive of the development of the middle school child. A number of recommendations were presented to the Board of Education as a result of that work. The keystone initiative approved by the Board of Education is known as BRIDGES, which is a self-developed program whose mission is to focus on Building Relationships, Inclusion, Diversity, Group Experiences, and Self-Actualization. The full faculty is committed to the success of this and other efforts to ensure a high quality learning atmosphere for all students.

KEY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CHALLENGES

At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the East Grand Rapids faculty developed a new 3-year School Improvement Plan focused on the four core academic areas. The standards for targeted focus and improvement were determined by each department after careful analysis of data sources to ensure close alignment with student achievement and areas for growth. Each department collaboratively develops and refines instructional methods, monitors student progress, and reports on goals through progress notes. Every core course has two clearly identified standards that encompass the most important learning objectives that have been identified for improvement.

MATHEMATICS GOAL

All students at East Grand Rapids Middle School will be proficient in Math. While there are 12 standards identified in our School Improvement Plan, a major emphasis is on solving multi-step, real-life math problems using a variety of strategies and methods.

SCIENCE GOAL

All students at East Grand Rapids Middle School will be proficient in Science. While there are 6 standards identified in our School Improvement Plan, a major emphasis is on the Next Generation Science Standards and methods of instruction that deepen students' analytical skills and science reasoning abilities.

SOCIAL STUDIES GOAL

All students at East Grand Rapids Middle School will be proficient in Social Studies. While there are 6 standards identified in our School Improvement Plan, a major emphasis is on reading and comprehending historical passages and specific historical factors that have shaped society today.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

All students at East Grand Rapids Middle School will be proficient in English Language Arts. While there are 10 standards identified in our School Improvement Plan, a major emphasis is on citing text to support analysis and comprehension as well as engaging students in the writing process. The department is working to implement the Teachers College Units of Study in Reading and Writing as one method to strengthen student performance overall.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our district provides educational interventions, opportunities, and support for students with special needs. Special Education services include early childhood, self-contained, resource programs, with occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological, school social work, speech and language, and teacher consultant services. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team, including administrators, parents/guardians, teachers, and students when appropriate, meets at least once per year to decide what is required for each eligible student to make educational progress.

Services are provided for our preschool age students, ages three to five, through a variety of options. We evaluate our preschool age children at our Early Childhood Assessment Center. A continuum of services are provided, based on student need, including Early Childhood Home and Community, Early Childhood Special Education Classroom, and related itinerant services.

Resource program support is provided in each of our elementary school buildings. East Grand Rapids Middle and High Schools also provide resource program services for eligible students. By their sixteenth birthday, all East Grand Rapids special education students plan transition activities to reach their post-secondary vision.

Our district also offers self-contained classrooms for students with moderate cognitive impairments at the middle school and high school buildings. Additionally, through cooperative agreements with other school districts, East Grand Rapids Public Schools provide programs and services for our youngest students, from birth to age three, and for our students who require more specialized programs.

For additional information, please contact the Special Education Department located in the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, or refer to the Special Education section on our website: www.egrps.org/District/Special-Education/index.html.



MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE



East Grand Rapids Middle School provides students with an inviting learning environment that is based on an expectation of responsibility, respect, and personal best from our entire school community. Our middle school offers academic rigor in the core content areas, a variety of exploratory opportunities, a multi-disciplinary approach to teaching and learning, and a focus on providing differentiated learning opportunities for all students. East Grand Rapids Middle School is committed to providing an environment that focuses on student achievement. Our vision is to provide an exceptional education for every student so that they may pursue their dreams, maximize their potential, and contribute positively to society.

To support this vision we will:

- Provide each learner with experiences that are inclusive, relevant, rigorous, interdisciplinary, and individualized.
- Develop a staff with diverse skills and experiences who model outstanding instructional practices.
- Integrate research-based best practices from educational systems throughout the world.

Success equates to the support and involvement of our parents, the motivation and accountable behavior of our students, and the excellence of our teaching faculty. Our students will achieve success with these important ingredients. We are proud of the East Grand Rapids Middle School community and we believe it is a wonderful place to learn and grow!

Sincerely,

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Principal