



Aspen Ridge School

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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 2020-21 educational progress for Aspen Ridge 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 the school for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically at <https://nice.k12.mi.us/aspen-ridge/handbooks-and-forms/> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2020-21 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance 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 in 2018-19. 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 in 2017-18. 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% in 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Aspen Ridge School was not given a label for the 2020-21 school year.

Aspen Ridge School is committed to meeting the needs of all students and has adopted the NWEA MAP assessment as a tool to help identify student progress in grades K-8. The immediate feedback allows staff the ability to identify specific areas of concern as well as areas of high proficiency (for both individual and groups of students). Intervention and extension activities are then specifically designed to address these areas, therefore meeting the individual needs of each student.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Process of assigning students to specific school - Aspen Ridge School is the only K-8 building in our district.
2. Status of the School Improvement Plan – The Aspen Ridge School Improvement Plan is updated annually and is in good status.
3. Specialized schools - none
4. Our curriculum is aligned to meet the standards set by the State of Michigan. Curriculum can be reviewed by contacting school administration.
5. Achievement results for any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement tests – Aspen Ridge was randomly selected to participate in the National Assessment of Education Progress or NAEP during the 2019-20 school year. These results can be found at <https://bit.ly/38g1Ebf>. We have again been selected to participate in the winter of 2022.
6. 95% or 468 students of elementary parents attended fall parent-teacher conferences. 41% or 115 students of middle school parents attended fall parent-teacher conferences.

I would like to thank all of the students, parents, staff, and community members for their commitment to make Aspen Ridge School the premiere school of choice. Your unwavering support has enabled us to make it through some of the most challenging times we have ever faced. Our promise to you: *Strength, Integrity, Excellence*

Best regards,

Chris Marana
Elementary Principal