



Public Schools of Petoskey

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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 2023-24 educational progress for **Petoskey 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 the building principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by clicking this [link](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 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. 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 label is given. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

State and local assessments, and social/emotional growth measures were used to monitor progress and provide information to drive key initiatives for continuous improvement. Strategic plan goals are focused on three key areas; Leadership and Communication, Academic Achievement, and Business and Finance. Information about these goals can be found on our website [Public Schools of Petoskey](#)

State law requires that we also report the following additional information for the two most recent years:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Pupils are assigned to schools based upon the age and grade of the student, living proximity to the school (whenever possible), class size, siblings within the Public Schools of Petoskey, parent preference (when possible), and availability of staff to meet the needs of the student. Building principals together decide the best placement based upon this set of criteria.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our focus to increase each student's core proficiencies is supported through a continual review/revision/alignment of curriculum, balanced assessment plans and analysis, evidence-based teaching practices, stakeholder and PLC collaboration, and multi-levelled systems of support.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

none

4. 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

The district's core curriculum is built, aligned, and paced according to Michigan's Academic Standards and Practices [Academic Standards](#)

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

NWEA is administered 2-3 times per year in grades K-8. Aggregate student achievement results are sent to parents/guardians at various times during the school year and are discussed at parent-teacher meetings/conferences and during PLC/building team meetings.

6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences - 150/593 35.4% students represented

At Petoskey Middle School, we are fortunate to have a supportive community, parents/guardians as partners, hard-working students, and a dedicated staff who continually put students first.

Each year, students at Petoskey Middle School score higher than the state average on standardized assessments. In 2016, the Michigan Department of Education designated Petoskey Middle School as a Reward School for outperforming schools with similar demographics. In 2022 and in 2024, *US News and World Report* identified Petoskey Middle School as a "Best Middle School" by ranking in the top 10% of all middle schools in the state. Although we are proud of our scores and accomplishments, we strive to continually improve teaching and learning. Our goal is always to increase proficiency in all subject areas.

Middle School is a time of transition for the young adolescent. We focus on guiding our students through these times by developing the whole child, creating a positive self-image, and living a healthy lifestyle. This is done, in part, by implementing and teaching the tenets of the Full Value Agreement: Work as a Team, Be Safe

(physically and emotionally), and Speak Up. We also strongly encourage each student to become involved in extracurricular activities!

Our PBIS model continues to grow. We want students to grow in their skillset by exhibiting "Northmen DRIVE." We intentionally focus on building students Determination, Respect, Integrity, Voice, and Empathy during their years at Petoskey Middle School. We continue to improve this practice.

Respectfully,

Jon Wilcox, Principal