

Grant Elementary School

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2019-2020 Annual Education Report

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January 29, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members:

I am pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information about the continuous improvement goals and educational progress of Grant Elementary School students based on 2018-19 assessment results. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal law and some requirements of 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, Jennifer Keatts, Principal of Grant Elementary School, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://grant.livoniapublicschools.org> or you may obtain a copy by contacting the Grant Elementary School office.

For the 2018-2019 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) based on their 2018-19 State Testing Results. A Target Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student group. 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.

The AER has two major sections to it that are required by state law. The information contained in the first section was compiled by district staff. It presents relevant information about our district, our academic programs, school improvement efforts, two years of results on district developed assessments and nationally norm referenced assessments. It also includes the district's parent involvement policy and specialized programs.

The second section of the report contains information provided by the Michigan Department of Education and is required to be presented in MDE format. Based on this data, Science along with Reading, Writing and Math will continue to be an area in which we will strive to increase our student achievement. As a staff we will continue to implement content integrated units and best practices in the area of Science.

In place is a multi-tiered system of support, including the use of the research-based interventions, such as a reading program entitled Leveled Literacy Intervention. In addition, ongoing professional development and dialogue focusing on strategies to support struggling learners takes place regularly. Ongoing analysis of formative assessment to determine the needs of all students, followed by the provision of targeted learning intervention to students in need.

These initiatives are intended to accelerate the student achievement of subgroups, including the state's Bottom 30%, that are not meeting our school's proficiency targets.

State law requires that we also report additional information as found on the following pages.

Our collaborative efforts positively impact our school's success and student achievement.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keatts
Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

Grant Gators are leaders of their learning who
Achieve goals with quality instruction
Treat others with empathy
Overcome challenges
Respect others
Show personal responsibility

BELIEFS

- All children can learn
- High expectations promote high achievement
- Communication is essential between home and school
- The support of the community is important in the education of our children
- All staff members have a personal responsibility for professional development and application of best practice
- Students need to be prepared to meet the challenges of an every-changing, diverse world.
- Parent and teacher partnership creates a foundation conducive to academic success

SCHOOL PROFILE

Grant Elementary School serves 522 students in grades K-4. There are 20 general education classrooms and 6 multi-age cross categorical classrooms. Students also attend media, music, art, and physical education.

In addition, there are the following professional support staff: school psychologist, school social worker, Team Leader, 2 E.S.T.s, 2 speech and language therapists, 1 resource room teacher, teacher consultant outreach, occupational and physical therapist, and homebound or hospitalized services.

Assisting all of us in keeping the building operating in an organized manner, keeping the building clean, serving nutritious food, and helping teachers and students are: custodians, secretary, paraprofessional, and lunchroom personnel.

State law requires that we report the following additional information.

ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

All students are assigned to Grant Elementary based upon attendance within the geographic boundaries of the school as well as students who transfer in based upon seats available.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School improvement is a process in which stakeholders in a school work cooperatively to improve student achievement. The process relies on staff, parents, and students participating in collaborative decision making in formulating and implementing achievement goals. The goals are determined through analysis of student achievement data and survey information. Action plans using proven interventions are developed for each improvement goal and progress toward achievement of the goals is documented annually.

We are committed to our goals and therefore, they remain the same for the school year so that we may see improvement.

Goals for 2019-2020

- All students at Grant Elementary will experience a positive, safe, and welcoming environment where both students and adults respect and value one another.
- All students at Grant Elementary School will become proficient in the standard Literacy Reading 1.
- All students at Grant Elementary School will become proficient in the Standard Literacy Writing 2.
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The Livonia Public Schools School District has had its District Level accreditation through AdvancED. Through the district accreditation process, Grant Elementary School also received AdvancED accreditation. The AdvancED accreditation process supports and validates district and school level improvement efforts.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS

At the elementary level, students may be enrolled in Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) at Webster Elementary School, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School and special education centers at Coolidge, Grant, Johnson, Kennedy, Randolph and Webster. A preschool is operated at the Jackson Center, a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is located at Garfield Community School, and preschool special education programs are located at Roosevelt Elementary and Jackson Center. Other special education programs are available in western Wayne County for our students with disabilities, based upon their individual needs. Specific information about these programs is available on the district Web site at www.livoniapublicschools.org.

CORE CURRICULUM

The core curriculum at Grant Elementary provides learning experiences in reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling, handwriting, mathematics, social studies, science, technology, health, physical education, art, vocal music, and enrichment activities. The core curriculum is based on the grade level content expectations (GLCEs) from the Michigan Department of Education and the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts.

The goal of education is to provide all learners with a solid foundation of skills, knowledge, and understandings that are necessary for their continual growth and success as students within the school setting and as adults in society. As a result of sound K-12 education based on well-defined educational outcomes, a Livonia Public School graduate will:

- Respect self, others, and the environment.
- Communicate effectively.
- Know how to learn and work productively.
- Acquire and process information.
- Use critical and creative thinking to make decisions and solve problems.
- Work and participate independently and cooperatively.
- Acquire a core of understanding and competencies within the content areas.

A copy of the core curriculum may be obtained from the district's Academic Services Department.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON DISTRICT DEVELOPED AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

DISTRICT LITERACY ASSESSMENTS

Students in kindergarten are assessed on a one-on-one basis regularly during the school year to measure progress toward grade-level literacy skills. The following table, Early Literacy Benchmark Assessment - Kindergarten, shows the results of this testing by school and district.

EARLY LITERACY BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT - KINDERGARTEN			
Spring 2019	Letter Identification	Letter Sounds	Rhyme
Grant	92.1%	84.25	92.1%
District	95.9%	93.0%	96.2%
Spring 2018	Letter Identification	Letter Sounds	Rhyme
Grant	90.0%	81.8%	90.9%
District	88.1%	83.6%	93.3%

Students in grades 1-4 are assessed using the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System. Teachers administer running records with comprehension to students one-on-one.

Kindergarten teachers administer reading records with comprehension at the end of the school year. Students in grades 1-2 are assessed three times each year. Students in grades 3-4 are assessed at the beginning of the year and additionally based on need. The following table shows the percent of students at each grade level that performed at or above grade level on this assessment.

FOUNTAS AND PINNELL BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS GRADES K-4 Percent of Students that Performed At or Above Grade Level					
Spring 2019	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Grant	78.2%	63.6%	72.7%	64.4%	49.0%
District	71.7%	67.6%	81.8%	76.4%	72.2%
Spring 2018	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Grant	69.4%	61.5%	68.4%	57.4%	61.0%
District	72.9%	66.8%	78.4%	76.3%	72.8%

Beginning in 2016-17 all students in grades 1-6 were assessed on their attainment of grade-level reading standards three times during the school year using the i-Ready Reading Diagnostic Assessment. Kindergarten students were assessed using i-Ready twice during the school year.

i-READY READING Percent of Students At or Above Grade Level					
Spring 2019	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Grant	60.0%	50.0%	36.0%	39.0%	37.0%
District	59.0%	56.0%	53.0%	47.0%	39.0%
Spring 2018	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Grant	52.0%	49.0%	43.0%	31.0%	30.0%
District	58.0%	55.0%	48.0%	43.0%	36.0%

DISTRICT MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS

Students in grades 1-6 were assessed on their attainment of grade level mathematics standards three times during the 2015-2016 school year using i-Ready Math Diagnostic Assessment. Kindergarten students were assessed using i-Ready twice during the school year.

The following chart show the percentage of students who were at or above grade level on the spring i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment.

i-READY MATHEMATICS					
Percent of Students At or Above Grade Level					
Spring 2019	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Grant	59.0%	43.0%	39.0%	42.0%	50.0%
District	63.0%	55.0%	49.0%	47.0%	52.0%
Spring 2018	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Grant	61.0%	43.0%	40.0%	41.0%	40.0%
District	62.0%	55.0%	45.0%	46.0%	53.0%

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

One of the most important factors of a child’s success in school is the involvement of parents or guardians in the educational process. Grant Elementary had 98% attendance rate (507 students out of 515 represented) at parent-teacher conferences during the 2018-19 school year. For the 2019-2020 school year Grant had 99% attendance (518 out of 523 students) at parent-teacher conferences

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The district’s Parent Involvement Plan is available on the district’s website, which is linked to each school’s website.

BOARD POLICY

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**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

**JUNE 20, 2011
Reviewed 5/2014**

The Board strongly encourages and welcomes the involvement of parent(s)/guardian(s) in all of the District’s educational programs. It is recognized and appreciated that parents/guardians are the “first teachers” of their children, and that their interest and involvement in the education of their children should not diminish once their child enters the schools of the District. Accordingly, the Board directs, by the adoption of this policy, that the administration shall design a program/plan that will encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) participation that may include, but not be limited to: The development and review of instructional materials; input on the ways that the District may better provide parent(s)/guardian(s) with information concerning current laws, regulations, and instructional programs; and District offerings of training programs to instruct parent(s)/guardian(s) how to become more involved in their child’s educational programs.

Pursuant to state law, the Superintendent shall provide a copy of the District’s Parental Involvement plan to all parents.

DATA FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

Includes the following four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This section of the report presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7 and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials.
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified.

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety.

The link <http://bit.ly/2He7v3F> will take you to the reports provided by the Michigan Department of Education for Grant Elementary School.