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# Western Wayne Skills Center Garfield Community School



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## **2022-2023 Annual Education Report**



Western Wayne Skills Center at  
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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 2021-2022 educational progress for the Western Wayne Skill Center, at Garfield Community School. 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 Maegan Sprow, Principal of Garfield Skills Center for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [WWSC AER Report](#) or you may review a copy in the main office of our school.

For the 2021-22 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 had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2021-22. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. 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.

Students at the Western Wayne Skill Center at Garfield Community School receive specialized instruction from highly qualified special education staff in daily living, work skills, communication, social skills, and independent living skills.

Our staff participates in weekly Professional Learning Community team meetings that focus on student achievement and intervention. Staff are always asking what students need to know, analyzing data on how we know students have the skill, and then what to

do when students are struggling or excelling with specific skills. Staff members collaborate to provide specific targeted instruction on skills that are transferable to the community and work setting.

Our collaborate efforts positively impact our school's success and student achievement as evidenced by the steady reduction of students requiring Tier 3 behavior supports and office referrals.

The Western Wayne Skill Center is a special education, post-secondary center school that provides instruction to address Transition outcomes for students with disabilities ages 18 to 26 years. Consequently, the program is outside of, and does not participate in, the Michigan Education Assessment System.

The Western Wayne Skill Center Curriculum is derived from the Michigan Career and Employability Skills and is further supported by the following Curricula: Addressing Unique Educational Needs of Students with Disabilities (AUEN); Michigan Statewide Curriculum Project Supported Independence Curriculum; and the Western Wayne Skill Center Soft Skills curriculum.

The Western Wayne Skill Center, since 2002, has attained AdvancEd accreditation. As part of the Livonia Public Schools District accreditation and goals, our students continue to show measurable improvements. The goals of Reading, Writing, student awareness of their Individualized Education Program goals and other Post Secondary outcomes for students in special education drive the school's improvement initiatives, strategies, and school assessments. These are consistent with the Livonia Public School District AdvancED Goals.

Any parent, guardian or care provider wishing to serve on the School Improvement Steering Committee should contact the office at 734.744.2810.

Additional Information:

- The program is available to students living within the eleven school districts served by the Western Wayne Region. Students must be between the ages of 18-26 and have a moderate cognitive impairment or autism spectrum disorder eligibility and meet additional requirements as outlined by RESA.
- The program has been NCA accredited since 2002 and continues to be through AdvancED ( Advancing Excellence in Education)
- The Western Wayne Skill Center is a school that emphasizes community based instruction, providing instruction in career awareness and work experience.
- To access a copy of the Western Wayne Skill Center Curriculum, please call the office. 734-744-2810.
- All administration, teaching and ancillary staff are certified, licensed and otherwise qualified within their area of professional expertise as required by the State of Michigan.

The parents, guardians or care providers of each student play an integral role in the Transition Planning process by providing guidance and support to their student as they make realistic decisions about their future. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities throughout the school year to learn more about Transition by

attending informational workshops co-sponsored by the school, community agencies, and the Arc.

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

Sincerely,

Maegan Sprow

Garfield Skills Center Principal

Livonia Public Schools prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap or disability in any of its educational programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances regarding discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, and marital status-Director of Human Resources, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at [\(734\) 744-2501](tel:(734)744-2501). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances regarding discrimination based on handicap or disability-Director of Student Services, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at [\(734\) 744-2524](tel:(734)744-2524).

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Western Wayne Skill Center is to provide each student with individualized, engaging, and powerful learning opportunities designed to promote independence and a rewarding lifestyle.

## SCHOOL PROFILE

The Western Wayne Skill Center serves post-secondary students living within the 11 school districts served by the Western Wayne Region who are certified as eligible for special education services and meet other enrollment criteria. The Principal of the Western Wayne Skill Center is Maegan Sprow and the Program Specialist is Leah Clark. There are 25 professional teaching staff members including Behavior Consultant, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Social Worker, School Psychologists and Visually Impaired Consultant. In addition, there are 33 paraprofessional staff.

The building support staff includes three custodians, one full time and one part-time secretary, and three cafeteria staff.

## ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

All students are assigned to the Western Wayne Skill Center in collaboration with surrounding school districts in the Western Region of Wayne County. The process used to assign students includes a referral by the resident school district with required documents; a review of the student's records; an interview; and an Individualized Education Program Team meeting. Transportation is arranged by the resident district.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School improvement is a process by which stakeholders in a school work cooperatively to improve student achievement. An analysis of student achievement data led Western Wayne Skills Center Staff to focus our improvement efforts on the fundamental areas of communication and social emotional well being. We have developed action plans using proven interventions and are annually documenting our progress toward the achievement of these goals.

Our efforts this year were to develop an action plan to increase student achievement in Self-Awareness and communication, in alignment with the district school improvement plan. Much of our professional development this year included topics such as AdvancED goals, professional learning communities, developing a process for assessments, and supporting students with disabilities and the Individual Educational Program Team Report Process and Procedure.

School improvement goals for the 2022-2023:

- In order to show improvement with understanding emotions and emotional responses, students will identify how an individual is feeling in a video clip or image. Progress will be measured through an initial assessment, mid year assessment, and end of year assessment. SI team has created a rubric to measure success/accuracy.
- In order to demonstrate communication skills that are work appropriate, students will demonstrate the four components of active listening (**stop** what they are doing, **look** at communication partner,

**listen** to partner- as evidenced by body positioning, and **respond** to speaker). Progress will be measured through an initial assessment, mid year assessment, and end of year assessment. SI team has created a rubric to measure success/accuracy.

School improvement goals for 2021-2022 and 2020-2021

- All students at the Western Wayne Skill Center will demonstrate knowledge of their personal identification information.
- All students at the Western Wayne Skill Center will identify two of their Individualized Education Program goals and two personal strengths.
- All students at the Western Wayne skill Center will correctly read/identify 10 emergency/survival signs.

## **SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS**

The Western Wayne Skill Center is a specialized school for students with disabilities serving young adults, ages 18-26, residing in Western Wayne County with moderate impairments. Specific information about the programs is available on the district website at [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org).

## **CORE CURRICULUM**

The curriculum at the Western Wayne Skill Center provides learning experiences designed to promote independence and a rewarding lifestyle.

A copy of the WWSC Curriculum can be obtained from the school by calling 734-744-2810.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

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## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

One of the most important factors of a student's success in school is the involvement of parents or guardians in the educational process. The Western Wayne Skill Center has a high degree of parent participation at all parent information sessions. These sessions include Open House, Community Presentations, and Individual Educational Program Meetings held for each student. Community Presentations are held virtually monthly and all parents/guardians are invited to attend.

During the fall of 2021, we held a Parent Information Night for families to learn about agencies that can provide support to students and families. We had 18% of our parents attend. We recorded the meeting and sent the video home to 100% of our families.

During the 2022-2023 school year, out of 122 students, 100% of families are personally invited to IEP meetings, open house events, and Community Presentations. Families have access to Community Presentations via a google link and also have access to recordings if they are not able to attend at the time of the presentation.

Every parent/guardian/care provider and student is invited to participate in an annual Individual Education program (IEP) Team Meeting. Every student at the Skill Center has an annual IEP meeting.

Parents receive information from Western Wayne Skill Center staff in numerous forms including progress reports, phone contacts, parent meetings, written correspondence (i.e. newsletter, weekly e-mails, website, and letters). Each parent receives formal information weekly regarding their student and or school program. Parents may also access their student's grade and attendance through a secure website.

In addition, the following parent information sessions occur on an annual basis: Fall Open House, regularly scheduled monthly Community Presentation evenings and Arc Workshops co-sponsored by the school, and yearly Individualized Education Planning Team meetings. The Community Presentations give parents and students the opportunity to learn about the various agencies and supports available to students with disabilities and their families.

## **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**

**IDD**

**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 child 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) 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 THE 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.

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