



Holly Area Schools

Excellence in Action!

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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 2015-16 educational progress for the Holly 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, Eric Curl, Holly Middle School principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/14pP1x>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. 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 for the 2016-2017 school year. For the 2016-2017 school year Holly Middle School is focusing on two of our major challenges identified in the combined report, math and English-language arts proficiency. In addressing our challenges in math proficiency, HMS has embarked on the following initiatives: data analysis using M-Step "Crosswalk" and "Target Analysis" information to identify strengths and areas of concern while informing the scope and sequence in our instruction, changing math curriculum from EngageNY to Big Ideas Math, for the first time using the i-Ready diagnostic platform three times per year allowing teachers to identify areas of concern in student skills in a more timely manner, utilizing the i-Ready instructional piece in our Math Skills course which scientifically analyzes student needs and creates a path to build these skills, and in all classes across the building students are analyzing graphs and supporting their ideas with evidence. In addressing our challenges in English-language arts proficiency, HMS has embarked on the following initiatives: data analysis using M-Step "Crosswalk" and "Target Analysis" information to identify strengths and areas of concern while informing the scope and sequence in our instruction, beginning our 1st year of building wide professional development for staff around the Gradual Release of Responsibility method of instruction (a 3 year plan), and in all classes across the building students are using evidence from informational text to support their ideas.

Holly Area School District students from Davisburg Elementary, Holly Elementary, Patterson Elementary, and Rose Pioneer Elementary are assigned to Holly Middle School. Students who reside out of the Holly Area School District may exercise their option to attend Holly Middle School through Schools of Choice.

Holly Middle School is fully accredited with the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA/AdvancED). This year the Holly Area School District earned Systems Accreditation from

AdvancED. The School Improvement Plan for Holly Middle School is targeted to increase student achievement by improving overall proficiency in English Language Arts, Math, and student accountability. A link to our School Improvement Plan can be found on our [website](#).

Core Curriculum for Holly Middle School students is based on the Michigan State Standards. These standards can be accessed on our website at <http://holly.hms.schoolfusion.us/> or the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) www.michigan.gov/mde. Holly Area Schools Atlas Rubicon Units of Study have been implemented in all content areas. Curriculum and common assessment writing aligned to the standards is a work in progress and continuous cycles of improvement. Atlas Rubicon Units of Study are accessible for parents online using this [link](#).

Competency Achievement Results:

ELA	M-Step 2014-2015 Advanced/Proficient	M-Step 2015-2016 Advanced/Proficient
6 th grade	42%	38%
7 th grade	49%	44%
8 th grade	40%	52%

Math	M-Step 2014-2015 Advanced/Proficient	M-Step 2015-2016 Advanced/Proficient
6 th grade	14%	18%
7 th grade	32%	25%
8 th grade	13%	18%

Science	M-Step 2014-2015 Advanced/Proficient	M-Step 2015-2016 Advanced/Proficient
7 th grade	23%	20%

Social Studies	M-Step 2014-2015 Advanced/Proficient	M-Step 2015-2016 Advanced/Proficient
8 th grade	30%	29%

Parent Teacher Conference Data:

School Year	Number of Parents Participating	Percentage of Building Population Participating
2014-2015	Fall 328/Winter 137	Fall 47%/Winter 18%
2016-2017	Fall 351/Winter 275	Fall 49%/Winter 37%

Holly Middle School is proud to continue The Leader in Me program for all students. The program uses a school-wide transformational model to promote The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to provide opportunities for students to learn, lead, and build relationships. Part of this program included 100% of our students participating in a student-led conference this year with either a parent or another staff member. We were honored to be the first Leader in Me middle school in the state of Michigan to achieve Lighthouse Status. Ultimately, it is our hope to provide all of our students with leadership opportunities to develop self-confidence and 21st century skills to learn and grow in the school environment and years beyond.

Thank you for viewing our AER report and supporting Holly Middle School's vision to develop habits and skills that INSPIRE us to be compassionate people, leaders, and lifelong learners. As we continue to improve student outcomes through research based best practices, we are excited to have our community stakeholders involved in the process. The staff at Holly Middle School will continue to work to develop rigorous instruction in a supportive and inspiring learning environment.

Sincerely,

Eric Curl

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