



# Vassar Public Schools

220 Athletic Street • Vassar, MI 48768



District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter  
March 1, 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2017-18 educational progress for the Vassar Public Schools and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Lisa Jackson [ljackson@vassar.k12.mi.us](mailto:ljackson@vassar.k12.mi.us) for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.mischooldata.org/AER2018/CombinedReport2.aspx> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

**Student Assessment Data** – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

**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 teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

**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

Townsend North  
989-823-7722

Central Elementary  
989-823-8566

Vassar Middle School  
989-823-8533

Vassar High School  
989-823-8534

Pioneer Work &  
Learn Center  
*Alternative Ed.*  
989-823-9303

District Office  
989-823-8535

*Inspire Future Excellence ~ Learn, Achieve, Succeed*

**“Home of the Vulcans”**

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using new 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 three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label <b>&lt;IDENTIFY TSI, ATS, CSI AND NO LABEL SCHOOLS&gt;</b>	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement <b>&lt;IDENTIFY THE KEY INITIATIVE&gt;</b>
Vassar 6-12 Senior High	No Label	SIG
Pioneer Work and Learn	No Label	Edgenuity
Central Elementary	No Label	FIM

**GO VULCANS!**

**VASSAR ATHLETICS**

Academic All-State Placing Teams

Conference Championship Sports Programs

State Playoff & District Champion Sports Teams

Concussion Testing for ALL Athletes

Free Sports Physicals Available




**Partnering with the Community**

Senior Citizen Christmas Brunch

Partnership with Chamber of Commerce for Business Expo/Craft Show

Partnership with Local Churches and Community Groups  
Vassar Riverfest Participant

Vassar Rotary Partner - Camp Rotary Student Representation

Local Scholarship Partners

St. Mary's of Vassar, Dr. Surkar-Preo Sports Physicals

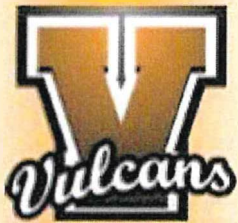
Wellhead Protection & River Clean Up

Relay for Life—2017 Team Excellence Award North Central Region

Hosted REACH Work Camps

Active Parent/Booster Groups  
VAA-Vassar Athletic Assoc.  
Music Boosters  
Central Vulcunteers  
VIPS-MS/HS Parent Group

**WHY IT IS GREAT TO BE A VULCAN!**



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## What We Offer our Students?

- Free Breakfast & Lunch
- Free Snacks for After School Activities
- 1st Chance Breakfast Cart 6-12
- College Dual Enrollment Opportunities
- Over \$1 Million in Financial Aid & Scholarships Available—including 3/4 of Senior Class is Eligible for the TIPS 2 Year Community College Scholarship
- Edgenuity Online Classes for HS
- 3 Great Start Readiness Preschool Classes
- Vulcan Club Latchkey
- HS Student Board w/ Student Representative at the Board of Ed. Level
- Woodshop Class 6-12
- Art Class 6-12
- Choir and Band 6-12
- HS & MS Robotics
- Music, P.E. STEAM Classes for K-5
- Digital Multi Media Class-Vulcan View Production
- Drama Productions—Musical and Play
- Youth In Government—Michigan Judicial Program (MJP) - CONA Youth Conference on National Affairs
- Foreign Exchange Students
- Students Leading Students
- Academic Games
- 90% FAFSA Completion
- Tuscola Technology Center Competition Winners
- Field Trip Opportunities  
Washington DC, New York City, Annual Camp Hartley Trip, Holocaust Museum, Spanish Cultural Event

## GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT VASSAR!

### \$3.25 Million School Improvement Grant (Used only for academic, technology, curriculum, & professional development)

- More than 1 to 1 Technology, with Chromebooks for each student
- Alternative seating in the classrooms  
Stand-Up desks  
Woolly seats  
Branco Boards  
New roller desks  
Reading corners
- Freshman College Visits
- Before & After School Tutoring w/ Busing
- Life Skills Lab  
After School Cooking  
Mentoring Lunch Cooking
- Community Education Nights  
Adult Computer  
Adult Cooking  
Adult Art  
Self-Defense  
Woodshop
- Parent Education Classes  
Skyward & Powerbook  
College Registration  
Suicide & Mental Health  
Students & Trauma  
Parenting Workshop  
Understanding Standardized Testing and Scores  
Bond Update/Suppl. Questions
- Student Assemblies  
Challenge Day - School Culture  
Steered Straight - Good Choices  
3Screens Motha  
Muri Brown Motivational  
Lunch Bump, RN - Good Choices  
Ok 2 Boy - Safety for Students  
Dr. Nugent - Trauma  
Dr. Martin - Crucial Conversations  
Human Trafficking  
Michigan State Police & Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office-Internet Safety  
Tom Thelen-Anti-Bullying
- Content Coaches in the Classroom
- New Assessment System - Illuminate
- STEAM Lab (K)-12th

- Increased Teacher Professional Development  
Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH)  
Eric Lenzen  
Alpha Archer  
Safety Care

### 2018 Bond Passage \$12 Million w/ a Reduced Millage Rate

- Teacher Learning Center Update
- New Paint
- Life Skills Lab Update
- New Visitor Bleachers
- More to Come in 2019!

### 2018 Energy Performance Bond - \$1.25 Million

- New Energy Efficient Lighting
- New Drop in Ceiling Tiles
- New Boilers
- Updating HVAC Systems

### Munetrix Financial Stability Award Bond Balance of 13%

### District Wide Advanced Accreditation

### Michigan Health Model Curriculum

### Upgraded Buses

### Bronze Medal Winner School Wellness Award

### Mi-Excel Blueprint District SIS Strategic Plan - 5 yr.

### Recipient of Several Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation Grants

- New Indoor Gym Bleachers
- New Gym Floor Refinish
- Music Risers

### Meemic Teacher Grants

### Milk Means More Grant

- Safe Routes to School Grant (in Process for \$400,000)
- Partnering with the City of Vassar  
Monthly Walk to School Events  
Bike Rodeo Events  
Free Bike Helmets

### Most Instructional Staff has Advanced Degrees, MA +

Sincerely,

Dorothy Blackwell  
Superintendent  
Vassar Public Schools

*Vassar Public Schools will use best practices to promote excellence for all students in a safe, dynamic and supportive environment.*