



Vassar Public Schools

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District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2018-19 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 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

Inspire Future Excellence ~ Learn, Achieve, Succeed

“Home of the Vulcans”

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2018-19 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 <IDENTIFY TSI, ATS, CSI AND NO LABEL SCHOOLS>	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement <IDENTIFY THE
Vassar 6-12	No Label	SIG
Pioneer Work	No Label	Edgenuity
Central	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. Sarkar-Free 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 Vulcanteers
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
- 2nd 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
Woobly seats
Bouncy bands
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 & Planbook
College Registration
Suicide & Mental Health
Students & Trauma
Parenting Workshop
Understanding Standardized Testing and Scores
Bond Update/Supt. Questions
- Student Assemblies
Challenge Day - School Culture
Steered Straight - Good Choices
3Screens Media
Mimi Brown-Motivational
Linda Dutil, RN - Good Choices
Ok-2-Say - 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 6th-12th

- Increased Teacher Professional Development
Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH)
Eric Jensen
Anita 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

Fund Balance of 13%

District Wide AdvancED Accreditation

Michigan Health Model Curriculum

Upgraded Buses

Bronze Medal Winner School Wellness Award

Mi-Excel Blueprint District

VPS 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