



Vassar Public Schools

220 Athletic Street • Vassar, MI 48768

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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 Vassar 6-12 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 the High School Office for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.vassar.k12.mi.us, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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 label is given. Vassar 6-12 School has not been given one of these labels.

Some of our key challenges are as follows: 6th grade reading and 6th-8th grade Math. A 6th grade Reading and 6th-8th grade Math intervention class was added to student's schedules that were in need. Students were selected for the intervention class based on feedback from their teacher and scores from Common Assessments and M-STEP.

State law requires that we also report additional information as follows:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL – Students are in District or Students apply for School of Choice.
2. The Status of the 3-5 year school improvement plan – During the 2018-2019 school year, Vassar High School was in year 3 of a School Improvement Grant and in Year 3 of the MiExcel Blueprint Implementation. The focus is on increasing Teacher Professional Development, which has been done through the Teacher Learning Center each week and added professional development throughout the year.

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Central Elementary
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Vassar Middle School
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Vassar High School
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Pioneer Work &
Learn Center
Alternative Ed.
989-823-9303

District Office
989-823-8535



Vassar has also increased technology by adding several Chromebook carts and updating computer labs. There is also a focus on building relationships with students through the implementation of Challenge Days and the Capturing Kids’ Hearts program.

- 3. Vassar 6-12 is not a specialized school. Vassar 6-12 has 505 students and is a traditional public school. The school offers Advanced Placement English, Art, Theater, Woodtech, Robotics, Honor Society, STEM, various clubs and Mentoring, Family Engagement Activities, Band, Choir, Spanish, Powerlifting, Wrestling, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Golf, Competitive Cheer, Gymnastics, Track and Field, Football and Baseball. The Ratio for Student to Teacher is 20:1 on average. Teachers have an average of 12 years of Teaching Experience. Student average attendance is 94%. Student Graduation Rate is 91%. The School Quality and Student Success Component Index is 85.72.
- 4. AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE’S MODEL – Vassar 6-12 requires 2 years of a Foreign Language to graduate.
- 5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS – Our Combined ELA/Mathematics Proficiency Overview is 71.25. 90.05 for ELA Proficiency % Target Met; 55.13 for Math Proficiency % Target Met. SAT Total Score Prior: 978.4; Current: 957.0

6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

6th grade (75) 40 53%
 7th grade (59) 31 53%
 8th grade (77) 29 38%
 2018- Combined Percentage Total 6-8 grade Enrollment: 48%
 2017- Combined Percentage Total 6-8 grade Enrollment 38%

9th grade (71) 22 31%
 10th grade (92) 34 37%
 11th grade (80) 18 23%
 12th grade (63) 23 37%
 2018 - Combined Percentage Total 9-12 grade Enrollment: 32%
 2017 - Combined Percentage Total 9-12 grade Enrollment 27%

7. Core Curriculum is accessible for all students. A copy of the Core Curriculum can be obtained from the counselor. A Description of the Core Curriculum Implementation is as follows.

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
English 6	English 7	English 8
Math 6	Math 7	Math 8
Social Studies 6	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8
Science 6	Science 7	Science 8
		Spanish 1

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 9	English 10	English 11 or Dual Enrollment English	English 12, AP English Literature or Dual Enrollment English
Biology	Science 10	Physics or Chemistry	Physics or Chemistry
US History	World History	Government/Economics	Psychology or Sociology
Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2 or Algebra 2a or Algebra 2b	Pre Calculus Or Calculus
Spanish 2			
PE/Health	Careers		
All students must have 1 credit of Art. Online Credit Recovery through Edgenuity is offered for all students.			

8. FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, ONLY ALSO REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. 26 Students enrolled in Dual enrollment classes, which is 9% of 9-12.
- b. THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES OFFERED (AP/IB) 1
- c. 13 Students were enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, which is 4% of 9-12.
- d. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT – 1 students or .1% of students received a score leading to college credit.

Vassar 6-12 is recognized in the National Rankings and earned a silver medal on the US News Scorecard. Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college. We are proud of this achievement and will continue to utilize research based strategies for effective school improvement. We continue to value and utilize shared leadership by gathering input from staff, students and parents on a regular basis. We continue to offer professional development and collaboration time for our teachers to grow and improve in instructional practices. Vassar 6-12 is committed to inspiring future excellence in our students.

Sincerely,

Jason Kiss, Principal
Vassar 6-12 School