

COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Vision – Covert Public Schools empowers diverse students to achieve, innovate and lead in our global community.

Mission – Help students construct knowledge; using research based strategies in a safe supported environment that nurtures innovators and problem solvers to develop practical skills, scientific knowledge and entrepreneurship to meet global challenges.

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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 Covert Elementary. 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 Claire Kliss, PK-12 Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/cPDE83> , 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 was identified as a Reward School.

Covert Elementary's challenges focus on understanding the diverse needs of our student population. In order to meet the needs of our ELL students we have implemented GrapeSeed which is an oral language acquisition program. Teachers have had training in both Daily 5/Café reading to help meet the individual needs of students. Monthly data review meetings allow staff to collaborate, monitor student progress, and adjust instructional strategies.

Student Assignment to Schools

Covert Public Schools assigns students to schools based on their current grade level. Covert Elementary serves students in grades Pre-Kindergarten to fifth grade. Students in grades sixth through eighth are enrolled at Covert Middle School. Covert High School serves students in grades ninth- twelfth. Students in eleventh grade have the opportunity to enroll at the Technology Center at the Van Buren Intermediate School District.

School Improvement Status

The staff at Covert Elementary School collaborates to create the improvement plan to focus on the needs of ALL students. Goals are created in different subject areas with a focus on reading achievement. Reading is an important area with the passing of the Third Grade Reading Bill. During the school year, the plan is monitored regularly to view progress on each goal. The goals are analyzed to ensure that our strategies and activities are benefiting students based on the data. Adjustments are made to the goals when necessary to raise student achievement.

Specialized Schools

The Van Buren Intermediate School District works in collaboration with Covert Elementary to provide services for students with special needs.

Core Curriculum

Covert Elementary has developed a core curriculum as mandated by the State of Michigan. Teachers have received training in common core instruction and have created safety net standards for reading and math. Outcomes to be achieved by all students have been defined based upon Common Core State Standards.

<http://www.corestandards.org/read-the-standards/>

Aggregate Student Achievement results

Please find the aggregate student achievement results in order to compare two years of data at the following website: <https://goo.gl/M2REHz>

Parent Teacher Conference Attendance

Parent teacher conferences are held twice annually providing opportunities to communicate student progress each semester. The elementary percentage grew from 71% in the 2015-2016 school year to 81% in the 2016-2017 school year.

We are very proud of the achievement of Covert Elementary School and look forward to connecting our parents with literacy. If you have any questions related to Covert Elementary please contact the main office at 269-764-3730.

Sincerely,

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