



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

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Whitmore Lake High School Annual Education Report (AER)

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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 2009-2010 educational progress for Whitmore Lake High School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact the building principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting our web site www.wlps.net or you may review a copy from the principal's office at your child's school.

For 2009-2010, Whitmore Lake High School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School:** Whitmore Lake Public Schools has only one high school. All students in grades 9-12 attend Whitmore Lake High School unless they have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that places them in an alternative educational environment outside of our district. Additional educational opportunities are available on an individual basis, by choice, for students in Washtenaw County to attend the Early College Alliance (ECA) program with Eastern Michigan University, the Washtenaw Middle College or to attend the WAY School (WISD – CyberSchool).
2. **The Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan:** Our district plan, "Vision 2013" is available on our website or can be requested from any building office and includes the most recent school year's documentation of progress to date. In addition, each building has developed a School Improvement Plan that addresses various components of the curriculum and student achievement data. All Whitmore Lake Public Schools follow the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's), with the High School following the specific High School Content Expectations (HSCE's) which can be accessed at www.mde.gov. Additionally, all building

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principals can answer any specific questions you may have about any component of our curriculum.

3. **A Brief Description of each Specialized School:** Currently, there are no specialized schools within Whitmore Lake Public Schools. Our district consists of three schools: Whitmore Lake Elementary, Whitmore Lake Middle School and Whitmore Lake High School. Students at Whitmore Lake High School also have access to the Early College Alliance Program, the WAY School (CyberSchool) and the Washtenaw Middle College, programs operated by Eastern Michigan University and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.
4. **How to Access a Copy of the Core Curriculum, a Description of its Implementation and an Explanation of Any Variances from the State's Model:** As mentioned in item #2 (above) all Whitmore Lake Public School buildings, including the High School follow the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's) or High School Content Expectations (HSCE's) without variance, which can be accessed at www.mde.gov. Additionally, all building principals can answer any specific questions you may have about any component of our curriculum. Parents can also request a copy of the core curriculum from the building principal.
5. **The Aggregate Student Achievement Results For Any Local Competency Tests or Nationally Normed Achievement Tests:** Whitmore Lake Students in 9-12 take the Social Studies MEAP and the EXPLORE in their freshman year, the PLAN test in their sophomore year and the MME/ACT test in their junior year. Aggregate student achievement results are available on our website or from the High School offices.
6. **Identify the Number and Percent of Students Represented by Parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Whitmore Lake High School had 305 parents participate in parent/teacher conferences during 2009-2010 for a total percentage of 73%.
7. **Additional Required Information Regarding Whitmore Lake High School:**
 - a. The Number and Percent of Postsecondary Enrollments (Dual Enrollment): There were 9 students enrolled in postsecondary education classes during the 2009-2010 school year, which represents 2.5% of our student enrollment.
 - b. The Number of College Equivalent Courses Offered (AP): During 2009-2010, three Advanced Placement Courses were offered at Whitmore Lake High School – AP Calculus, AP English and AP Government.
 - c. The Number and Percentage of Students Enrolled in College Equivalent Courses (AP): During 2009-2010, 36 students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, which represent 9% of our population.
 - d. The Number and percentage of Students Receiving a Score Leading to College Credit: 29 students earned credit which represents 58% of our Advanced Placement students.

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Professional learning communities and Reading Apprenticeship programs will be the means by which the staff of Whitmore Lake High School continues to meet its school improvement requirements and the needs of our students. Our goals are focused on developing a rigorous and relevant curriculum for all students, improved achievement scores on ACT, PLAN and EXPLORE tests, and striving toward a 100% graduation rate. Whitmore Lake High School renewed its North Central Outcomes Accreditation (NCA) last year and will continue to do so in the future.

Sincerely,

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