



# Whitmore Lake Public Schools

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## School 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 2021-22 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, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jill Henry for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/3osPROq>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2018-19. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2017-18. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

### **Our school was identified as a school without a label.**

One of the key challenges for Whitmore Lake High School has been continued growth across all subgroups of students. While the majority of students are on a solid trajectory to career and college readiness, students receiving special education services or those labeled as being economically disadvantaged are growing at a slower rate than their peers. In these specific subgroups, 26% of students who are economically disadvantaged and less than 50% of students receiving special education services met last year's growth target set by the state on SAT. To combat the slower rate of growth, students were encouraged to attend after school tutoring sessions to receive review and support in all subjects. Additionally, Whitmore Lake High School just adopted a new math curriculum to better align with state standards. Whitmore Lake Public School believes these free resources available to all students will increase student achievement and close the persistent gap in achievement.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Unless otherwise noted, Whitmore Lake High School has the following data for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

## 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Whitmore Lake Public Schools had only one secondary school which housed 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades during both school years. There were no overlapping grade levels. All students in the grades listed attended Whitmore Lake High School unless they had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that placed them in an alternative environment outside of our district.

## 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The WLHS School Improvement Plan in 2019-2020 focused on students becoming proficient in reading, writing, and math. Teachers received training in preparing students to become career and college-ready by using data and increasing rigor in the classroom. Student Learning Objectives guided teachers' use of differentiated instruction and assessment. During the 2020-2021 school year, the School Improvement Plan continued its focus on students becoming proficient in reading, writing, and math. Teachers receive training on Advanced Placement course instruction as well as information on the state's new Social Studies standards.

## 3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Currently, there are no specialized schools within Whitmore Lake Public Schools. Our district consists of two schools: Whitmore Lake Elementary (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades) and Whitmore Lake High Schools (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades). Students at Whitmore Lake High School also have access to the Early College Alliance Program (ECA), the Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education (WAVE), and the Washtenaw International Baccalaureate High School and Middle Schools (WIHI). The above-mentioned programs are operated by Eastern Michigan University and/or the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. Students in grades 11 and 12 also have access to the Livingston County Career and Technical Education programs to increase access to career preparation.

## 4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

All Whitmore Lake Public Schools follow the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCEs), which can be accessed at [www.mde.gov](http://www.mde.gov). There are no variances from the state's model. A description of core curriculum implementation for either building can be provided by each principal. They can answer any 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

Students in grades 7 and 8 took the NWEA test in the Fall of 2019 and the Fall of 2020. Their mean RIT scores were as follows:

Mean RIT scores	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	219.1	216.8
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	223.3	227.1
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading	215.1	217.7
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading	n/a	221.1

Students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 took the P/SAT test in the Spring of 2019 and the Spring of 2020. Their mean scores for Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing (ERW) were as follows:

Mean scores	Spring 2019	Fall 2020
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	435	n/a
9 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	465	417
10 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	453	495
11 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	496	477
8 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	427	n/a
9 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	479	444
10 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	457	517
11 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	508	501

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

Fall, 2019	110 out of 326 parents	34% representation
Fall, 2020	250 out of 294 parents	85% representation
Spring, 2021	250 out of 294 parents	85% representation

7. FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, ONLY ALSO REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:  
THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENTS (DUAL ENROLLMENT)

2019-2020	10 enrollments	3% of students
2020-2021	9 enrollments	5% of students

THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES OFFERED (AP/IB)

2019-2020	6 AP courses
2020-2021	6 AP courses

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES (AP/IB)

2019-2020	81 out of 223 students	36% of students
2020-2021	132 out of 224 students	59% of students

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT

2019-2020	41 students	51% of students who took an AP class	18% of students in total population
2020-2021	37 students	28% of students who took an AP class	17% of students in total population

Whitmore Lake is on track for continued growth with standardized test scores. Teachers are working hard to personalize the educational experience for each student, while maintaining a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

Jill Henry  
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