



# 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, Principal, for assistance.**

**The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/3J7fMD4>, 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.**

**Our school does not have 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, less than 50% of students who are economically disadvantaged 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 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 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**

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. The 2021-2022 school brought an increased focus on Mathematics curriculum and assessment alignment with Reveal and Illustrative coursework.

### **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 2020 and the Fall of 2021. Their mean RIT scores were as follows:

<b>Mean RIT scores</b>	<b>Fall 2020</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade Math</b>	<b>216.8</b>	<b>220.2</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade Math</b>	<b>227.1</b>	<b>224.9</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade Reading</b>	<b>217.7</b>	<b>214.2</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading</b>	<b>221.1</b>	<b>218.0</b>

Students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 took the P/SAT test in the Spring of 2020 and the Spring of 2021. Their mean scores for Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing (ERW) were as follows:

Mean scores	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	n/a	395
9 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	417	419
10 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	495	472
11 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	477	504
8 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	n/a	416
9 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	444	447
10 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	517	495
11 <sup>th</sup> grade ERW	501	530

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

Fall, 2020	250 out of 294 parents	85% representation
Fall, 2021	260 out of 280 parents	93% representation

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

**1. THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENTS (DUAL ENROLLMENT)**

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>9 enrollments</b>	<b>5% of students</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>21 enrollments</b>	<b>7% of students</b>

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

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>6 AP courses</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>6 AP courses</b>

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

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>132 out of 224 students</b>	<b>59% of students</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>45 out of 280 students</b>	<b>16% of students</b>

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

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>37 students</b>	<b>28% of students who took an AP class</b>	<b>17% of students in total population</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>31 students</b>	<b>69% of students who took an AP class</b>	<b>11% of students in total population</b>

Whitmore Lake High School 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**

**Principal, Whitmore Lake Middle and High School**