

Brandywine

Community Schools

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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 2017-18 educational progress for the Brandywine Community Schools and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Ruth Kittleson, Director of State and Federal Programs for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, <http://www.brandywinebobcats.org/> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using 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.

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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 or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

| School Name | Status Label | Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Brandywine Innovation Academy | No status | Credit completion for graduation. |
| Merritt Elementary School | No status | Early literacy and numeracy. |
| Brandywine Elementary School | No status | Grade level proficiency for all students. |
| Brandywine Middle School | No status | Grade level proficiency for all students. |
| Brandywine Senior High School | No status | Credit completion for graduation. |

We are proud of our school and community, and we understand that there is always need for improvement. To that end, in August of 2018 the Brandywine School Board formally approved the district’s new strategic plan. This plan will provide a foundation and focus for the district’s instructional and financial decisions.

The partnership between home and school is crucial, and we welcome your involvement. Please contact your child’s school’s office for more information on how you can become involved.

Sincerely,



Karen Weimer
Superintendent

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