



Reed City Middle School

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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 2014-15 educational progress for the Reed City Middle 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 Dean McGuire, Principal of Reed City Middle School, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://www.reedcity.k12.mi.us/administration/district_news.htm or by following the direct link <https://goo.gl/GPW9P0>. You may also review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

We are continuously working to improve our curriculum and instruction, to best meet the needs of the students which will have a direct correlation to student achievement. Our staff continue to reflect on instructional strategies and the core curriculum to close the achievement gaps. We are committed to challenging students and staff to reach their highest potential by promoting academic excellence, nurturing positive self-esteem, and reinforcing responsible behavior. We appreciate the support of parents, community members, and staff in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information: Reed City Middle School assigns all students based on State guidelines for age appropriate placement. We also accept and place students in their respective grade level, if they transfer into Reed City Middle School.

Throughout the school year, we review and update our school improvement plan to better meet the needs of our students. This process is guided by our involvement in the State's Continuous School Improvement Process. Our school improvement plan can be found on the school's website.



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The staff at Reed City Middle School are working hard to ensure ALL students at Reed City Middle School will be successful. The areas that we are addressing are the following:

1. We are focusing on improving tier 1 instruction through gradually releasing the learning responsibility to our students. This method is supported by research and forces students to take more responsibility for their learning.
2. We are also focusing on providing classes that meet the needs of all learners. Students will be supported during tier 1, tier 2, and tier 3 instruction.
3. Last, but not least, we are focusing on our school culture. We feel a strong school culture is essential to produce a well-rounded citizen.

Parents and students can access the adopted State Common Core Curriculum, by stopping in the front office of our building. Our school has also developed a set of "essential outcomes" for each class identifying foundational concepts and skills that we believe are critical to student success. These brochures are available in the main office.

For the 2014-2015 school year, our students took the M-STEP. In addition to the State assessment, the STAR reading assessment, and locally developed assessments. Beginning next year, we will be adding the NWEA assessment which will assist the school in making decisions to help your student. These assessments help us to gauge if our students are at grade level benchmarks. Parents may ask to view our student data on state assessments, in the front office as well.

Parent-Teacher Conferences represent a great opportunity for parents to fully understand the progress of their student, by meeting with their child's teachers. At Reed City Middle School, the attendance for parent-teacher conferences averages 50% or better for the 368 students.

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We focus on this mission on a daily basis. I am pleased with the progress that we have made and I am excited about the improvements that we are striving for next year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dean McGuire, Principal
Reed City Middle School