

# Houghton Lake 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 2016-17 educational progress for Houghton Lake Community Education. 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 Heidi Palatka, Principal at Houghton Lake Community Education, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/zT4Fjn>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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. 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. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. **Our school has not been given one of these labels.**

Key challenges for our district continue to be meeting the wide variety needs of all our students. While many students graduate from our district and continue on and are successful at post-secondary colleges, universities, and in vocational careers, others struggle to attend school regularly and earn a high school diploma. As a district, we have chosen to engage in installation of the Blueprint for Rapid Turnaround which is a systemic reconfiguration for the sole purpose of saving the lives of Michigan's children. We are committed to this vision and will do whatever it takes to educate all children.

State law requires that we also report the additional information below.

## PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

When students enroll in our district, they are assigned to the school appropriate for their grade level and academic need. As we have new students join us at we look at them as a "whole child" and consider all of their needs. Our Student Assistance Team places them with a teacher who we believe will establish positive student/teacher relationships.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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We continue to review our strategies for our school improvement plan to meet our goals of improvement of academic success and meeting the non-academic needs of our students.

## HOUGHTON LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Within the Houghton Lake Community School District, we have four schools. Collins Elementary serves Pre-K through third grade students, Houghton Lake Middle School serves fourth through seventh grade students, Houghton Lake High School serves eighth through twelfth grade students, and Houghton Lake Community Education serves students from ninth grade through graduation or GED completion.

## CORE CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Houghton Lake Community Education follows the Michigan Content Standards in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Teachers are encouraged to continue professional development in the best practices in each subject area.

In addition to the curriculum in the core subject areas, our students also participate in courses based on Michigan Standards in arts education.

A copy of the Michigan Standards can be found at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

## LOCAL OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

% students meeting College & Career Readiness Standards	PSAT/SAT ELA	9th	10th	11th
	Spring 2016	54	11	21
	Spring 2017	40	14	25
	PSAT/SAT Math	9th	10th	11th
	Spring 2016	31	11	5
	Spring 2017	15	7	10

## PARENT ATTENDANCE AT PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

% in Attendance	1st Semester	2nd Semester
2016-17	13%	17%
2017-18	0%	3%

## POST SECONDARY, AP, DUAL ENROLLMENT

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While students within our community, alternative and adult programs occasionally enroll in advanced courses, they do have the option of enrolling in our high school to access these options.

In closing, Houghton Lake Community, Alternative and Adult Education Center will continue to strive to meet the needs of students in a high risk population. We service students throughout our district, and in areas extending beyond our borders. While we realize this is a population of students who are hard to reach, we will continue to do our very best to help them to become productive citizens within their communities. We see it as our job to meet the students where they are, in whatever circumstances they find themselves in, and help them to become educated, graduate or obtain their GED, and continue on in their lives as better people. We will continue to install the Blueprint for Rapid Turnaround, monitor our progress, and adjust to meet the needs of our students.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Education Report. Please contact me at 989-422-6161 or [palatkah@hlcsk12.net](mailto:palatkah@hlcsk12.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Heidi Palatka*

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