Ann Arbor Public Schools Skyline High 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 2019-2020 educational progress for Skyline 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 Cory McElmeel, principal of Skyline High School for assistance.

The AER is available for your review electronically by visiting a2schools.org/aer, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-2020 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student group. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student group performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all school in the state. 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 label is given. Our school has not been given a label.

Skyline High School has consistently earned the honor of being identified as one of best high schools in Michigan. Skyline received a rank of #10 best high school and #8 best high school for college readiness in the state of Michigan by Niche. Skyline received a rank of #18 best high school in the state of Michigan, #752 in the nation, and a silver rating by US News. Finally, the Mackinaw Center CAPs report identified Skyline High School with an "A" rating and ranked our school at #27 in the state of Michigan.

Although we have achieved such success, our faculty and staff persist to further improve outcomes for all students. Skyline High School has expanded our advanced placement offerings and made concerted efforts to increase enrollment of underrepresented students in advanced courses. We continue to explore additional program options to provide solid college and career pathways for all of our students. Additionally, Skyline High School faculty utilizes a data review and analysis process to develop, share, and target interventions for our most struggling students. Our staff utilizes a comprehensive repertoire of interventions such as coteaching, ELL sheltered classrooms and tutoring, Writing Center, Math Mentorship, Academic Resource

Center, and Peer Mentorship programs to ensure all students have access to instructional support within and outside of the classroom. Our students have won numerous awards. Recently, Skyline has had 14 National Merit Scholarship Finalists, 6 Presidential Scholars, and various other recognitions of the arts, academics, service, and athletics. Our strong commitment to building strong relationships and learning for mastery serves as the foundation of our work with our students and each other.

State law requires that we also report the following additional information:

- 1. Students are assigned to the school based on neighborhood residency in the school's attendance area, through an in-district choice application process for available seats, or through a schools-of-choice process where seats are available.
- 2. Our school improvement plan reflects a thoughtfully considered set of goals and objectives to guide continuous improvement. Skyline High School is in year 1 of our School Improvement Plan.
- 3. The Ann Arbor Public Schools is very proud to offer district students and families the option of attending the following specialized schools:
 - ★ Ann Arbor STEAM at Northside reflects excellence in project-based learning through the lens of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Students engage in real-world problem solving and work together to enhance and grow in their knowledge and skills.
 - ★ Ann Arbor Open at Mack offers a unique, multi-grade learning experience honoring each student's interests and individuality. The high achieving K-8 school engages students and families as true members of this democratic school community.
 - ★ The International Baccalaureate (IB) Pre-K through 12th grade corridor at Mitchell Elementary School, Scarlett Middle School, and Huron High School reflects international standards of excellence taught from a global perspective and personalized through community service. Teaching and learning represents culturally responsive inquiry-based instruction that embraces the tenets of the IB Learner Profile and IB Programme Standards and Practices.
 - ★ Pathways to Success Academic Campus is an alternative high school for students who prefer a smaller learning environment. Pathways offers extended evening hours integrating online learning with face-to-face instruction (outside of the pandemic). Community internships and dual enrollment at Washtenaw Community College offer accelerated career/college preparation.
- 4. Ann Arbor Public Schools offers a rich and expansive core curriculum reflecting the Michigan State Standards. The core curriculum is published and posted in the high school course selection guide and on the pre-K through 12th grade curriculum map available on our district web site.
- State accountability and assessment data for Skyline High School can be found at https://bit.ly/3jD005y.

- 6. Eighty-two percent (82%) or 1,128 parents/guardians were represented during recent parent-teacher conferences. Additional parent conferences were also held through Achievement Team Meetings, 504 meetings, and IEP meetings.
- 7. Many high school students obtain college-level credit or experience during their high school career. The following summarizes these experiences at Skyline High School.

Skyline High School	2019-2020 Academic Year		2018-2019 A	cademic Year
	number	percent	number	percent
Postsecondary Enrollments (Dual Enrollments)	16	1.1%	11	0.8%
College Equivalent Courses Offered (AP/IB)	22		17	
Students Enrolled in College Equivalent Courses (AP/IB)	721	51.7%	723	49.8%
Students Receiving a Score Leading to College Credit (AP score of 3 or above)	487	89.0% (of AP exam takers)	426	84.9% (of AP exam takers)

The following are some of the key initiatives for Ann Arbor Public Schools:

- ★ Project Lead The Way (PLTW), a PK-12 science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) curriculum, is being utilized at all of our schools.
 - PLTW LAUNCH is at all of our elementary schools and has been met with great enthusiasm. The students and teachers enjoy the STEAM activities and project-based learning. Students PK-5 will experience two different two to three-week long modules at each grade level in their home classroom, co-taught by their classroom teacher and a PLTW lead teacher.
 - PLTW Gateway is at all of our middle schools and has successfully replaced Technology Education. The students and teachers enjoy the STEAM activities and project-based learning. All 6th Grade students experience Design and Modeling (DM) for one term. 7th. and 8th. grade students may choose from various elective courses which include: Computer Science for Innovators and Makers (CSIM), Automation and Robotics (AR), Medical Detectives (MD), and Energy and the Environment (EE).
 - o PLTW Engineering is at all of our high schools, varying depending on the school community, and has had great success. These project-based learning courses include Engineering Design (ED), Principles of Engineering (POE), Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), Aerospace Engineering (AE), and Engineering Design and Development (EDD).
- ★ Integrated global studies and expanded K-12 world language opportunities.

★ The full International Baccalaureate continuum of programming from Pre-K (ages 3 and 4) through 12th grade including all four IB programs – Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, Diploma Programme, and the first Career-related Programme in Michigan.

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★ Early childhood education includes opportunities to attend Young 5's kindergarten.

★ Expanded magnet and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, K-12.

★ Enhanced interventions to support accelerated learning in mathematics

★ Personalized Learning Plans (PLP's) for every elementary student in every elementary school

building.

The Annual Education Report provides an important snapshot of our academic progress and overall academic status at Skyline High School. We applied the dedication and passion consistently demonstrated by our

students, faculty, and staff. We pledge to continue to invest in curriculum enhancement, alignment to

rigorous state standards, and to provide robust professional development on effective practices proven to

eliminate achievement disparities and elevate school improvement.

In addition to being proud of our many accomplishments, Skyline High School will continue to monitor the

progress of each student and the achievement gaps that continue to persist between groups of students.

We continue to pay close attention to providing effective and differentiated support to students with

disabilities, to students who primarily speak a language other than English, and to students who cope with

the impact of poverty while developing academic proficiency.

We remain highly committed to increasing achievement for all student while addressing the achievement

gaps that are evident for some groups. We will embrace effective teaching characterized by rigorous and

personalized learning that nurtures the whole child. We do all this while ensuring that students have a sense

of well-being in a safe environment that welcomes all families and celebrates the diversity evident in our

community.

Sincerely,

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