

Marcellus Community Schools 2009-10 Annual Education Report

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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 2009-2010 educational progress for the Marcellus Community Schools District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Superintendent Ronald Herron for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.marcelluscs.org or you may review a copy in the superintendent's office.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)

- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Detail Data and Status

Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup

- The district must attain achievement goals in English language arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group
- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

Teacher Quality 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
- Cannot be compared with MEAP results for grades 4 and 8 because there are no national standards.

District and all schools made AYP

For 2009-2010, Marcellus Community Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. All schools in the district also made AYP. None of our schools were identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring.

Thank you for your interest in Marcellus Community Schools. We continue to make educational improvement a priority for our community. This priority is evidenced by our many years of successful academic achievement. We are proud of this success and the efforts made by our students, staff and community.

Sincerely,

Ronald Herron
Superintendent

Elementary School Profiles

Marcellus Elementary School serves over 322 students in grades kindergarten through fourth, along with 16 additional students in our preschool program. It is part of the Marcellus Community School District in rural Cass County, located in southwestern Michigan. The elementary school offers a core curriculum of classes based on the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations in math, language arts, science, and social studies. Additional exploratory classes are offered in library, physical education, computer, art, and music.

Grades:	Pre-school through Fourth Grade	
Student Count:	322	
Average Class Size:	Kindergarten	20
	First Grade	22
	Second Grade	26
	Third Grade	26
	Fourth Grade	25
Attendance:	2009-2010	92%
	2008-2009	95%
	2007-2008	94%
	2006-2007	94%

Middle School Profile

Marcellus Middle School serves approximately 255 students in grades 5, 6 7, and 8. It is part of the Marcellus Community School District located in southwestern Michigan. Marcellus Middle School offers educational programs based on the Michigan Curriculum Framework in math, language arts, science, social studies, and physical education. Additionally exploratory classes are offered in study skills, Quest, art, band, music, and computers.

Student Count:	255	
Average Class Size:	5 th grade	- 24
	6 th grade	- 21
	7 th grade	- 30
	8 th grade	- 29.5
Attendance:	2009-2010	93.6%
	2008-2009	91.87%
	2007-2008	94.2%
	2006-2007	94.8%

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all districts and schools in Michigan report out on several educational components. A description of these components and a link to the MDE provided report follows:

- Results of state-administered tests - This link takes you to a report on MEAP data, MME data, and Mi-Access student data for Marcellus Community Schools.
<http://aer.data4ss.org/StudentAssessmentData/TabularResults.aspx?IsdId=93&Isd=Lewis+Cass+ISD&DistrictId=1334&District=Marcellus+Community+Schools&SchoolId=-1&School=All+Schools&SchoolYear=&GradeLevel=&Subject=&ReportCategory=>
- AYP Data - This link takes you to a report on AYP status of Marcellus Community Schools:
<http://aer.data4ss.org/AdequateYearlyProgress/AypStatus/TabularResults.aspx?IsdId=93&Isd=Lewis+Cass+ISD&DistrictId=1334&District=Marcellus+Community+Schools&SchoolId=-1&School=All+Schools&SchoolYear=9&GradeLevel=&Subject=&ReportCategory=>
- Teacher Quality Data - This link takes you to a report on the Professional Qualifications of teachers in Marcellus Community Schools:
<http://aer.data4ss.org/StudentAssessmentData/TabularResults.aspx?IsdId=93&Isd=Lewis+Cass+ISD&DistrictId=1334&District=Marcellus+Community+Schools&SchoolId=-1&School=All+Schools&SchoolYear=&GradeLevel=&Subject=&ReportCategory=>
- NEAP- the National Assessment of Educational Progress assessment is administered annually to a representative sample of schools across the 50 states in grades 4 and 8. This link takes you to a report on the achievement of tested students.
<http://aer.data4ss.org/Naep/TabularResults.aspx?IsdId=93&Isd=Lewis+Cass+ISD&DistrictId=1334&District=Marcellus+Community+Schools&SchoolId=-1&School=All+Schools&SchoolYear=&GradeLevel=&Subject=&ReportCategory=>