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# COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Covert Public Schools is a community-minded organization dedicated to the education of students from early childhood to adulthood. We will:

- (1) Provide educational leadership through quality instruction.
- (2) Implement an academically sound, standards-based curriculum.
- (3) Support students in meeting grade level benchmarks for the District and State standards.

## District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

August 23, 2011

Dear Parent and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for the Covert Public Schools District. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required and some requirement of state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Michael Alexander for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.covertpublicschools.org](http://www.covertpublicschools.org) or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

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

The Covert Public School District is in compliance with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap.

**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 made AYP, but all schools did not**

For 2009-2010, Covert Public School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics; however, all school in the district did not make AYP. Below you will find a list of the schools not making AYP, the reasons for not making AYP and a summary of the actions underway to improve. The principal has a letter and school specific AER that will help answer your questions. These are also posted on the district and school web sites.

School Name	Reason(s) for not making AYP	Key actions underway to address the issues
Covert High School	Did not test 95% of students	Informational campaign to inform parents of the importance of test participation
		Engaging students in recognizing the need to perform well on state assessments
		Providing additional academic support to assist students in mastering the Michigan Merit curriculum outcomes.

The Covert Public Schools system has a rich heritage dedicated to student success. We have a highly qualified staff and a community minded Board of Education committed to providing an excellent academic program. The district strives to work together to achieve academic success and be the kind of school district that the community expects and deserves. In this Annual Report, we hope that you sense our goal of academic excellence.

We are proud of the school's goal of success for all students' and the commitment to "every student, college ready". The highly qualified and successful staff works diligently to provide a variety of opportunities to all students. We invite you to visit us.

Sincerely



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