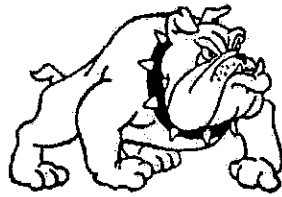


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# **COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Covert Middle/High School**  
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**COVERT, MICHIGAN 49043**

**VISION - EVERY STUDENT COLLEGE/CAREER READY.**

**MISSION - COVERT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL IS STRIVING TO BE A WORLD CLASS ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HONORING DIVERSITY THROUGH NURTURING CIVIC AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

## **Covert Middle School 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 Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mr. Michael Alexander for assistance.

The AER data 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 from the Covert Public Schools Middle school office.

For 2010-2011, Covert Middle School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. There is only one (1) middle school in the district; therefore, all middle school students are assigned to one school.
2. We continue to make progress in the implementation of our 3-5 year School Improvement Plan. This plan is available on our Covert Public Schools website.
3. Our Grade 6-8 core curriculum is hosted on the Curriculum Crafter website in the areas of ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies. The content on the website is aligned to the state standards. During the 2010-2011 school year, we will be working to map the curriculum and perform vertical alignment K-12.
4. Middle School Spring Parent Teacher Conference attendance was 85% or 81 parents.
5. The graph below shows aggregate data from our NWEA assessment. Based on student performance on the NWEA assessment, Covert Middle School implemented several improvement strategies to address the deficiencies.

**Percentage of Students Scoring  
Above the 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile on NWEA**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
Math	46%	29%	41%
Reading	18%	34%	37%

As part of the improvement process the amount of instruction time has been expanded by more than 50% in the area of ELA and mathematics. There is a robust professional development plan in place to improve teacher's instructional practice and to effectively utilize the additional instruction time. With our focus on students reading insightfully, writing creatively and thinking concretely, we are working to improve student achievement in preparation for the Michigan merit Curriculum required of students in high school. The changes implemented are for the purpose helping every student reaching the goal of being college or career ready.

We look forward to providing each student with a high level education. To view school data, please click on the AER Report link.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Alexander  
Middle School Principal

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