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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2019-20 educational progress for **Berkley 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 Principal [Andrew Meloche](#), 248-837-8100, for assistance.

The [Berkley High School AER](#) is available for you to review electronically or you may review a copy in the main office.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using 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 a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools 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 was not given one of these labels.

We focus on the achievement of all students and our teaching and learning goals reflect this. As a multi-community high school that serves students from a wide variety of backgrounds, our population duly reflects the economic, cultural, ethnic, and academic diversity of these communities. Our challenge, then, is to ensure that we are providing consistently meaningful curriculum in all classrooms while helping all children to achieve their personal best. Our most important data points are those that allow us to see not only the gaps in achievement but help us to understand the reasons for the disparities, whether they are school related or not.





State law also requires we report on the following:

1. Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

All students in the Berkley School District attend BHS. The district boundaries are:

North of 10 Mile, East of Greenfield, South of Webster, West of Woodward, and includes most of Berkley, Huntington Woods, parts of north Oak Park and parts of Royal Oak.

Incoming 9th grade students who live outside of the Berkley School District boundaries have the option to apply for enrollment through our Berkley Scholars program through the Schools of Choice (SOC) process – see [SOC information online](#).

2. Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan

The core of our school improvement plan, as submitted to the state, is focused on student achievement in all academic areas and is aligned with our school district goals. All goals in this area are ongoing, as we continuously seek to improve the achievement of different cohorts of students each year, as well as to address overarching goals related to the entire student body.

Please [visit our website](#) to view our School Improvement plan.

3. Core Curriculum

Our “Berkley High School Profile” serves as our guide for curriculum planning and for developing student learning assessments as we prepare students to take their place in the adult world. Our curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum in all subject areas. Work on transitioning to the Common Core Standards is progressing in ELA and Mathematics, with professional development both having been completed and ongoing.

As we strive to meet our goals, we are also guided by our mission, the district’s Long Range Plan & Vision 2020, and the Common Core. All high school teachers have websites that detail syllabi, course expectations, assessment and grading expectations, and calendar. All curricula in the core content areas are aligned to the state standards and common to each specific class. Staff members focus on providing all learners with a solid foundation of academic skills, knowledge and the understanding of learning that is necessary for success within the school setting and world community.



Supporting our excellent teaching staff, technology also plays an important role in instruction and learning. Technology is widely available to staff and students throughout the district and is utilized across the curriculum. In addition, all students K-12 can elect to be a part of a robust Fine Arts curriculum that includes band, orchestra, choir and art.

Please visit our [Curriculum & Assessment website](#) to view the full district report and information regarding curriculum.

4. The Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Any Local Competency Tests or Nationally Normed Achievement Tests

Because of the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic, the latest data available for student M-STEP scores is from 2018-2019. Berkley High School's M-STEP test scores for 2017-18 and 2018-19 are available on the [State of Michigan's website](#).

4. Parent/Teacher Conferences Data

2018-19: 52.5% Average Parent Attendance for Conferences
2019-20: 64% Average Parent Attendance for Conferences

6. Post-Secondary Enrollment/Advanced Placement Statistics

- a) The number and percent of postsecondary enrollments (dual enrollment):
33 students.
- b) The number of college equivalent courses offered (AP/IB):
BHS offers 26 Advanced Placement/college equivalent courses in a variety of subjects.
- c) The number and percentage of students enrolled in college equivalent courses (AP/IB):
548 students or 54.5% of 10-12 grade students.
- d) The number and percentage of students receiving a score leading to college credit:
340 students or 65% of those tested received a 3, 4, or 5.

Dedication to hard work and continuous improvement are hallmarks of BHS school community. In the last eleven years we have seen our students become increasingly competitive in what is an increasingly competitive post-secondary world for them. BHS students have been admitted to Yale, Harvard, UC Berkeley, Georgetown, Dartmouth, Cornell, Baylor, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Toronto, McGill, and many other nationally and internationally renowned colleges and universities. Within our state, we have seen



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extremely high acceptance rates for our students at the most competitive schools—at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Kalamazoo College.

We have also seen our students do increasingly well on the ACT and SAT (national college entrance exams) and on Advanced Placement (AP) exams, with overall scores increasing from year to year.

Our outstanding staff continues to engage our students in meaningful learning, to inspire them to creatively explore new ideas, and to work with them to achieve to their fullest potential.

Sincerely,

Andrew Meloche
Principal
Berkley High School

