

Manton Consolidated Schools

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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 2015-16 educational progress for the Manton Middle 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 Mr. Ryan Hiller, Middle School Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Manton Middle School 2016 Annual Report Info](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

KEY CHALLENGES

Many challenges face our district at the middle school level when it comes to accelerating student achievement and closing the achievement gap. We are in a low socio-economic area, and our students deal with many outside factors that affect them as they enter our building. We believe it is very important to build relationships with our students and show them we truly care about their needs and their education. We also believe it is essential to create a positive culture in our building allowing students to be themselves and not feel threatened. The staff in the middle school is very committed in learning new research-based strategies to help guide them in instructing and assessing their students. We want to show our students that learning can be fun. We provide student support after school to our students who are not getting their homework done on time.

To accelerate student achievement, we continue to look for creative ways to offer more advanced classes to our students. We use our assessments to drive instruction, provide PD based on student data, and have lengthy dialogue on aligning the curriculum.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Manton Consolidated Schools has one school for grades 5-8; therefore, Manton Middle School is the only public school in which students may be assigned in the district.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Manton Middle School is completing its fourth year on the current five year school improvement plan. In this school year we will continue to work on our goals in the five core areas of reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing. Our school improvement plan can be review electronically at the following link: [Manton Schools Website](#). The plan is located on the main webpage under District Information.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

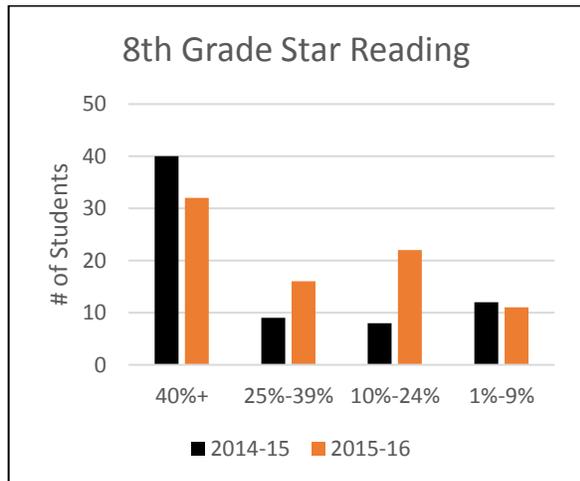
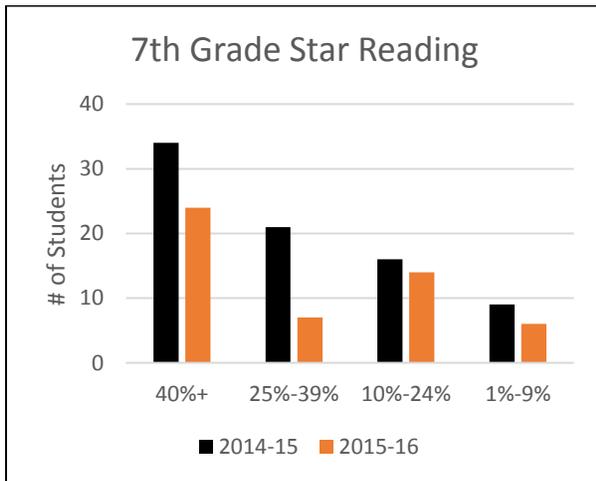
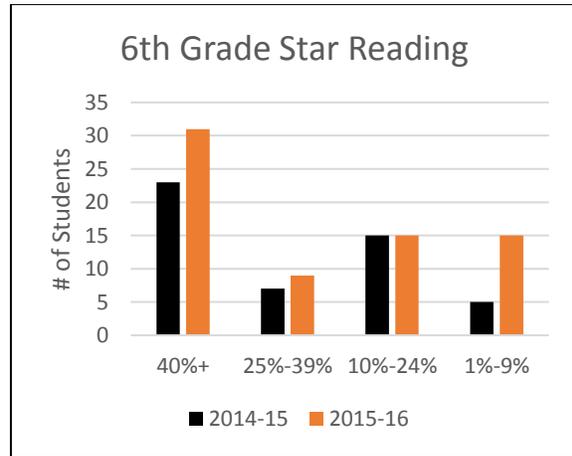
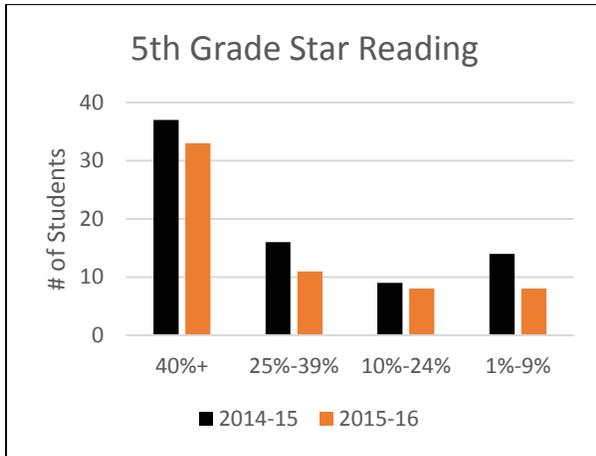
Manton School District has no "Specialized" Schools.

IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

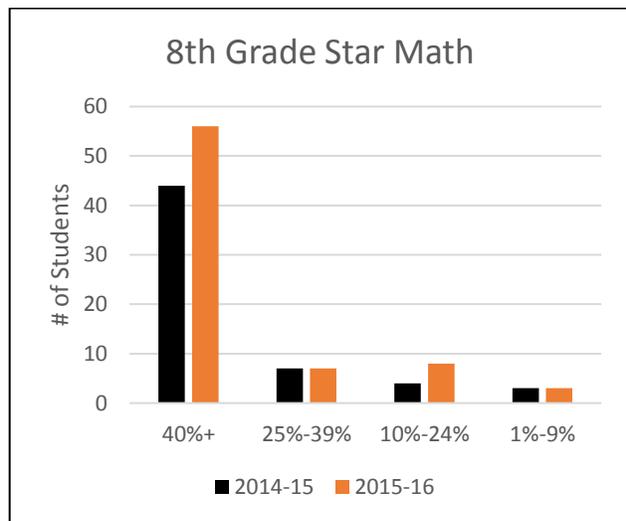
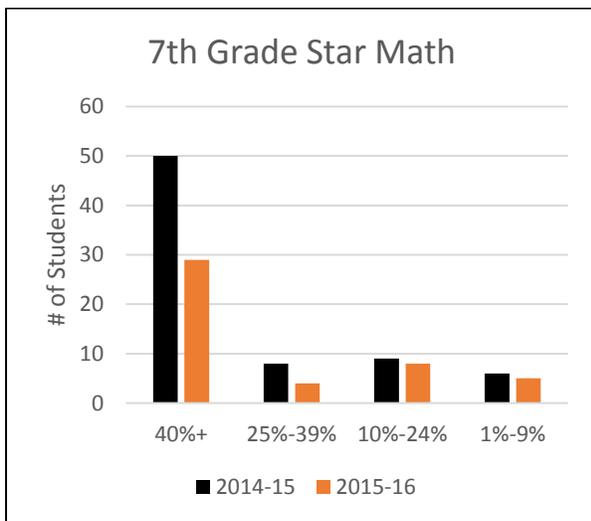
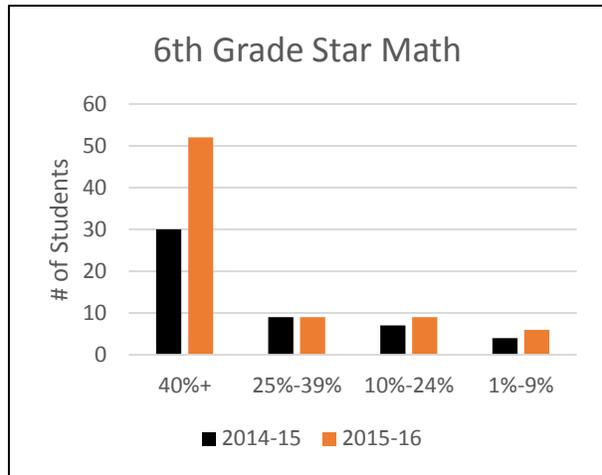
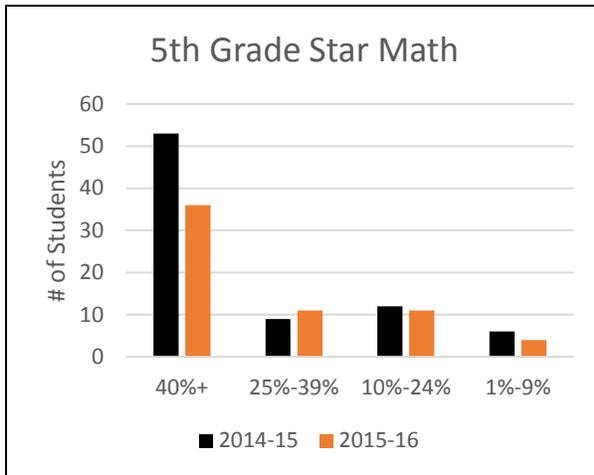
All teachers at Manton Middle School follow Michigan's Grade Level Expectations in all content areas (GLCE) as our main curriculum guide. The GLCE's can be located at: www.michigan.gov. The administration and teachers are in collaboration with our local ISD to align the curriculum to the National Common Core Standards for College and Career Readiness. The Cycle for Curriculum Development, provides a

systematic procedure to study existing curriculum areas and programs relative to the Michigan Curriculum Framework. A copy of the Manton Consolidated Schools written curriculums can be accessed in the Curriculum Office.

Star Reading



Star Math



IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Manton Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences were conducted in October and February. The school schedules specific appointments for each parent in the fall. Spring conferences are held with parents of students selected by teachers as needing a conference. In 2014-15, 266 or 95% of parents attended in the fall and 263 or 94% of parents attended at the spring conferences. In 2015-16, 266 or 97% of parents attended in the fall and 231 or 84% of parents attended at the spring conferences.

In Conclusion

Manton Middle School continues to be proud of our academic excellence and this past year earned a "lime" from the Michigan Department of Education. Our staff works very hard to make sure the curriculum, instruction, and assessment align with the standards by using research-based best practices and making sure the Grade Level Content Expectations are taught. The staff attends professional development throughout the year to ensure all of the students are receiving an excellent education. Experiences outside of school are still essential components of our middle school. Our 5th grade does an overnight team building trip to a camp Hayo-Went-Ha, our 6th graders go to Camp Rotary for a week, and our 8th grade travels to Chicago. The staff at Manton Middle School continues to be committed to our vision of **"Whatever it takes, Manton students are worth it."**

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Hiller,
Manton Middle School Principal