



# REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## GT Norman 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 2016-17 educational progress for the G. T. Norman Elementary 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 Ms. DeAnna Goodman, principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/4CYdjd>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

**For the 2016-17 year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required by 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 three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

GT Norman "HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS".

Though student achievement data is showing growth in the number of students from year to year that score proficient in reading, writing and math, GT Norman is still working hard to improve. There are several initiatives that have been undertaken in the school to accelerate student achievement and persistent gaps in achievement, such as:

- K-5<sup>th</sup> curriculum alignment in ELA, Math, Reading, science and social studies.
- We have implemented a building wide multi-tiered system of support to address any student achievement that falls in the bottom 30% and achievement gaps of our students with disabilities.
- We will continue to focus on excellent core instruction and provide additional levels of support through our Tier II and Tier III instruction for students not meeting their achievement goals.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. **ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL:** G.T. Norman Elementary School houses all of the district's kindergarten through fifth grade students. These students are assigned to this building when they enroll into the district. Reed City Area Public Schools also offers School of Choice opportunities.

2. **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** G.T. Norman Elementary School is currently implementing strategies/activities from our school improvement plan to meet the educational needs of our students. The following school improvement goals have been developed as determined by data analysis:

- All students at G.T. Norman Elementary will be proficient in mathematics
- All students at G.T. Norman Elementary will be proficient in reading
- All students at G.T. Norman Elementary will be proficient in writing
- All students at G.T. Norman Elementary will be proficient in science
- All students at G.T. Norman Elementary will be proficient in social studies

G. T. Norman Elementary staff will continue to analyze data from various assessments including but not limited to formative and summative assessments (such as NWEA, DIBELS, and CBM) to determine the effectiveness of our instructional practices in improving student growth. Based upon this data analysis and review, modifications will be made annually to the Primary School Improvement Plan. Through professional development and collaboration, Primary School staff members will continue to improve methods of instruction. A complete copy of the School Improvement Plan is located in the school office.

Grade	Math	Reading	Language	Science
Kindergarten	57%	58%		
First Grade	68%	57%		
Second Grade	61%	51%	43%	
Third Grade	50%	58%	65%	70%
Fourth Grade	39%	45%	50%	59%
Fifth Grade	33%	43%	52%	59%

Grade	Math	Reading	Language	Science
Kindergarten	56%	54%		
First Grade	46%	45%		
Second Grade	73%	56%	49%	
Third Grade	36%	53%	49%	63%
Fourth Grade	22%	43%	47%	57%
Fifth Grade	26%	35%	42%	56%

3. **SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS:** Mecosta-Osceola ISD offers a variety of programs to educate students from 0 to 26 with various educational disabilities, which include: early childhood development delay, infants and toddlers severe multiple impairments, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairments and emotional impairments. Students also attend specialized programs in other districts within Mecosta County as well as in other counties through contracted services. Eligible special education students are enrolled in the MOISD School through the Individualized Educational Planning Committee (IEPC) process. Each student's needs are discussed and appropriate placement is determined using the 13 step least restrictive environment process.

4. CORE CURRICULUM: As mandated by the State of Michigan, Reed City Area Schools has developed curriculum for the various subject areas. Learning goals to be achieved by all students have been defined based upon the Michigan Academic State Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects. We are using Michigan’s K-12 Science Standards and Michigan’s Social Studies K-12 Content Standards. Copies of core curriculum are available at all buildings, at the district office, and on our website.

5. AGGREGATE STUDENT M-STEP ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

Third Grade (% proficient)			Fourth Grade (% proficient)			Fifth Grade (% proficient)		
	Math	ELA		Math	ELA		Math	ELA
14-15	39%	47%	14-15	23%	24%	14-15	23%	36%
15-16	13%	15%	15-16	13%	15%	15-16	10%	47%
16-17	30%	30%	16-17	13%	17%	16-17	10%	31%

6. PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:

- 2015-2016 > 90% of parents attended parent/teacher conferences
- 2016-2017 > 90% of parents attended parent/teacher conferences

GT Norman Elementary School is committed to a continuous improvement process in raising student achievement. We have a dedicated, highly qualified staff that understand when while partnering with parents, are committed to the growth and success of all of our students.

Sincerely,



Ms. DeAnna Goodman  
Principal