

# SHEPHERD ODYSSEY HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL

2021-2022 SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT COVER LETTER

Michael Evans, Principal

# ODYSSEY MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 Annual Education Report

# Principal's Greeting/Message

January 27, 2022

**Dear Parents and Community Members:** 

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2021-22 educational progress for Odyssey Middle/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 Mike Evans, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <a href="https://bit.ly/37lvlf6">https://bit.ly/37lvlf6</a>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2018-19. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2017-18. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given any of these labels. State law also requires that we report additional information, which you can find on the following pages.

Odyssey High School is proud to offer academic opportunities to fit the needs of each student. If a student is in a position where his/her regular school setting is not appropriate or needs to work on credit recovery, he/she can take courses through an online format. Students are also able to enhance their 7-12 curriculum through on-line classes. Students are able to partake in career and technical classes at the Mt. Pleasant Technical Center during the 2021-2022 school year.

Odyssey Middle/High School is a great fit for many students. Staff has worked diligently to identify new areas that need improvement and have started the process to improve academic support and school climate. New strategies and the ongoing commitment of the staff encourages student achievement and social development for each of our students. New systematic and instructional interventions are being implemented, and baseline data is being collected as the staff move forward with continuous school improvement. I am impressed and encouraged by the progress our students have made and by the dedication and hard work of the Odyssey staff.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Evans, Principal

# **Description of the School**

Odyssey Middle/High School serves students in grades 7-12. Programs provided at the school include core academic classes such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, and social studies along with experiential education, the Odyssey Nature Program, and the 5C's (Caring, Challenge, Commitment, Communication, and Cooperation) character development program. Students at Odyssey also have the option of dual enrollment with Mid-Michigan College or enrolling in career and technical courses at the Gratiot-Isabella Technical Centers.

# **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School**

Students may be assigned to Odyssey Middle/High School building for a program offered that better meets their educational needs. District pupils in 7-12th grade are assigned to Odyssey Middle/High School since there is only one building in this district that serves this grade span of pupils in an alternative setting. However, a number of Odyssey Middle/High School students travel from other districts to attend our school by choice.

# **Status of 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan**

A copy of the School Improvement Plan is available on the school website and in the school office. The School Improvement Team, composed of several focus groups, meets regularly during the school year. The purpose of the team is to develop, review and evaluate goals, objectives and strategies for the School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Team facilitates the continuous collection and analysis of academic assessment data to guide instruction and evaluate progress toward student achievement goals.

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GOALS		PROGRESS		
		MAKING	COMPLETED	
		PROGRES		
	BEGUN	S		
Goal 1 – Students at Odyssey Middle/High School will be career and college ready in Er	nglish/Langu	age Arts.		
Multi-Tiered System of Support.				
<ul> <li>Continue to use and update strategies obtained from RAISE reading/writing</li> </ul>				
literacy training program.		X		
<ul> <li>Continue to offer a SAT English preparation course.</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Provide professional development opportunities for Odyssey English</li> </ul>				
teachers.				
Goal 2 – Students at Odyssey Middle/High School will be career and college ready in the	e area of M	athematics.		
Multi-Tiered System of Support.				
<ul> <li>Continue IXL computerized individual math program.</li> </ul>		V		
<ul> <li>Continue offering a SAT Mathematics preparation course.</li> </ul>		X		
<ul> <li>Provide professional development opportunities for Odyssey mathematics</li> </ul>				
teacher.				
Goal 3 – Students at Odyssey Middle/High School will be career and college ready in the	e area of Sc	cial Studies		
Multi-Tiered System of Support.				
<ul> <li>Provide Social Studies teacher professional development with MC3 Social</li> </ul>				
Studies Units.		X		
<ul> <li>Provide professional development opportunities for Odyssey social studies</li> </ul>				
teacher				
Goal 4 – Students at Odyssey Middle/High School will be career and college ready in the	e area of Sc	ience		
Multi-Tiered System of Support		Х		
<ul> <li>Increase professional development opportunities for Odyssey science</li> </ul>		^		
teacher.				

Continue to involve students with opportunities provided in the Odyssey
 Nature Program (ONP).

### **Core Curriculum Status**

A copy of the Core Curriculum is available on the district website and in the school office.

### **English Language Arts**

The English Language Arts curriculum follows Michigan approved Common Core State Standards. The English Language Arts curriculum was last approved by our local Board of Education in 2008. English Language Arts teachers will receive training and professional development with MAISA Writing Units, Writer's Workshop strategies, and research based literature strategies throughout the year.

Textbooks used for English courses at Odyssey are:

English 1 - McDougal Littell Grade 9 and Building Vocabulary from Root Words Level 8

English 2 - McDougal Littell Grade 10 and Building Vocabulary from Root Words Level 9

English 3 – McDougal Littell American Literature and Building Vocabulary from Root Words Level 10

English 4 - McDougal Littell British Literature and Building Vocabulary from Root Words Level 11

### **Mathematics**

The Mathematics curriculum follows Michigan approved Common Core State Standards, Grade Level Content Expectations and High School content expectations outlined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum approved by Michigan's State Board of Education. The Mathematics curriculum was last approved by our local Board of Education in 2013. Our math instructor will be trained and utilize the AAIMS Algebra training and assessment program for this upcoming year.

Textbooks used for math courses at Odyssey are:

Prentice Hall Mathematics: Algebra 1, 2007. Prentice Hall Mathematics: Algebra 2, 2007. Prentice Hall Mathematics: Geometry, 2007.

### Science

The Science curriculum follows the Grade Level Content Expectations and High School content expectations outlined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum approved by Michigan's State Board of Education. In addition to the GLCE/HSCEs, the building is analyzing the Next Generation Science Standards. Although not yet state approved, these standards provide a road map to future science instruction. The Science curriculum was last approved by our local Board of Education in 2009. Our science instructor will continue to participate in the FAME Science professional learning development in order to plan and utilize the formative assessment process in the science curriculum.

Textbooks used for science courses at Odyssey are:

Glencoe – Biology: The Dynamics of Life, 2007.

Glencoe – Earth Science: The Environment & the Universe, 2007.

Glencoe – Introduction to Physical Science, 2002. Glencoe – Life Science, 2003.

### **Social Studies**

The Social Studies curriculum follows the Grade Level Content Expectations approved by Michigan's State Board of Education. The Social Studies curriculum was last approved by our local Board of Education in 2014.

Textbooks used for the social studies courses at Odyssey are:

Glencoe – World History, 2008.

Glencoe – The American Republic to 1877 & The American Republic Since 1877, 2007.

Glencoe – United States Government: Democracy in Action, 2006. Prentice Hall – Economics: Principles in Action, 2001.

# **Aggregate Local Assessment Data**

The majority of students who come to Odyssey are behind in their education for various reasons. Many are very transient. Unfortunately, when student move from school to school they often have gaps in their education. In addition, many of our students have a history of poor attendance, resulting in additional gaps which can cause them to fall further behind. Some of our students have a significant history of poor behavior, some struggle with substance abuse and some have learning disabilities. Thirteen percent of our students are considered homeless, 72% are economically disadvantaged and 100% are considered at risk. These are some of the factors that contribute to low scores on state assessments and poor graduation rates. By the time students come to us, it is nearly impossible for them to learn enough to score well on comprehensive state assessments or to graduate on time. This is why alternative schools will continue to struggle to make AYP. At Odyssey we make a very serious effort to help students improve academically. All teachers continue to study and implement numerous reading and writing strategies in all classes throughout the school year. All of their hard work is paying off.

State Level Assessment Data	2019/20	2020/21
Student Academic Growth 3-8	32.3	36.5
Students Proficient in Math and English 3-8		0.0%
SAT Total Score	768.7	826.7
SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks		11.1%

## **Parent Teacher Conference Attendance Data**

	2019-2020		2020-21		
	Number of students represented	Percentage of students represented	Number of students represented	Percentage of students represented	
All	47/66	71%	50/86	58%	

# **Post-Secondary Information**

Students from Odyssey MS/HS have the opportunity to dual enroll in post-secondary classes at Mid- Michigan Community College.

	2019-2020		2020-21	
	Number of students represented	Percentage of students represented	Number of students represented	Percentage of students represented
Number and Percent of Postsecondary Enrollments (Dual Enrollment)	0	0%	0	0%
Number of College Equivalent Courses Offered (AP/IB)	0	0%	0	0%
Number and Percentage of Students Enrolled in College Equivalent Courses (AP/IB)	0	0%	0	0%

Number and Percentage of				
Students Receiving a Score	0	0%	0	0%
Leading to College Credit				