



SAND CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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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 2021-22 educational progress for Sand Creek Community Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Sand Creek Community Schools' superintendent, Sharon Smith, for help if you need assistance accessing this information.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by going the following link: <https://bit.ly/3buaDHS>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school also produces its own AER.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

Educator Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2021-22 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 status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Sand Creek Junior/Senior HS	No label	Literacy, math, SEL, MTSS, NWEA
Ruth McGregor Elementary School	No label	Literacy, math, SEL, MTSS, NWEA

In closing, I'd like to congratulate our school district on completing a successful school year despite the challenges that faced administration, teachers, support staff, students and parents in the midst of the global pandemic and constantly changing health department protocols and guidelines. I'd also like to thank and congratulate the school district employees on their sincere commitment and efforts over this past year. Sand Creek Community Schools will continue to strive for excellence by focusing on improving our student achievement scores as well as continuing to implement our K-12 Social Emotional Learning curriculum, Lions Quest, for our students.

This year, the district implemented the K-12 NWEA assessment test that will provide real, usable instant academic data on each student. Teachers and administrators will be able to use this data to identify needs within our curriculum and instruction, as well as identify students needing extra help and support. This data will help drive conversations with both student and parent as we create and work towards achieving student goals. The district has also begun implementation of MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Support). This detailed systems work will provide the foundation for us to better evaluate and assess current processes and programs, as well as ensure the successful roll out of new programs.

We welcome any and all feedback from our constituents, and we invite all interested community members to attend our school board meetings. Parents wishing to give more time to our school district can contact their respective building principals.

Respectfully,

Sharon E. Smith, Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer