



Potterville Public Schools

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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

I am pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2013-2014 educational progress for the Potterville 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 me for assistance. I can be reached at 645-4709 or jklomp@pps.k12.mi.us.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the Welcome section of the high school page on the following website: www.pps.k12.mi.us or you may review a copy in the principal's office at our high school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Our school has been working hard to increase the achievement levels of our students. We are developing a framework for being a professional learning community: articulated, aligned curriculum; data that describes how our students are performing to local and state standards; and interventions to support struggling and accelerated students. We are also proud of our work to provide one-to-one technology access for all of our students, as a result of our district bond project approved by the community in 2012.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Potterville Public Schools has a centralized enrollment process that assigns students to a grade level and school based on residency boundaries established by the district. Individual student records are reviewed for appropriate placement in courses or a particular grade level.

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2. PHS's annual school improvement plan is current. Our staff members have input into the plan, and it shapes the goals of our efforts to increase student achievement.
3. Our curriculum guide is available on our school web site page, and copies of curriculum materials can be reviewed in our school office. The program utilizes the Michigan Merit Curriculum.
4. Our attendance at Parent-Teacher conferences is typical for many high school programs: 78 parents signed in for fall conferences, an attendance rate of 35%.
5. With regard to postsecondary enrollment information:
 - a. For the Class of 2014, 9 of our seniors (16%) were enrolled in postsecondary programs and all of these students earned college credit in those programs.
 - b. Other data on the Class of 2014: We had two Co-Valedictorians with 4.0 grade points and 32 (57%) graduated with honors or high honors. Thirty-eight graduates (68%) are enrolled in postsecondary education programs leading to a Bachelor's degree and 13 (23%) are enrolled in programs requiring 1-3 years of postsecondary education. Four graduates plan to enter the military.
 - c. We do not offer college equivalent courses, but our students have opportunities to enroll in such courses in neighboring districts.
 - d. For the 14-15 school year, we have 8 students enrolled in postsecondary classes for college credit.

I thank you for your support of Pottersville High School. We are pleased with our progress while continually working toward greater achievement and opportunities for the young men and women of this community.

Sincerely,

Julie Klomp

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High School Principal