

Gibraltar School District

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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 2014-15 educational progress for Shumate 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 the principal, Mrs. Els Ferguson, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.gibdist.net/gibdist/academics/annual-reports> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2015-16 school year, Shumate Middle School continued to use best practices to reach and exceed the needs of all of their students. The teachers utilized writing across the curriculum strategies and researched math resources to teach the common core requirements. Co-teaching became an integral part of our day. PSAT testing and MStep testing were used.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students in the Gibraltar School District are assigned to the school in their neighborhood, with bussing provided as needed. Opportunities for intra-district and inter-district School of Choice are also available.
2. Shumate Middle School has completed the annual School Improvement Plan for the Michigan Department of Education. This report details the school goal for improvement. It is updated yearly, and is available for review online at <http://www.gibdist.net/gibdist/academics/curriculum-school-improvement>
3. Shumate Middle School serves 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students as well as consortium self contained special education classrooms 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
4. A copy of the standards in which our curriculum is based on can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. It is implemented by the district administrators and curriculum director with the help of subject curriculum committees, and the district school improvement team. The district is in process of developing an online portal to store and share our curriculum documents.
5. Student achievement results on M-Step testing may be found online at <http://www.mischooldata.org/>. In addition to standardized state testing, students in grade 8 are tested twice annually using PSAT.
6. Parent teacher conferences are held each fall. We have excellent participation through personal face to face contact. If such contact cannot be arranged, a phone conference is held.

Shumate Middle School prides itself on the work it does within the school walls and with the community. We are encouraged by the growth we have seen in our students through the utilization of best practice teaching methods and the idea that we are a community of learners.

Sincerely,

Els Ferguson, Principal