

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 Parsons 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 the principal, Mrs. Kelley Villa, 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.

Currently, Parsons Elementary is focusing on our instructional goal of at least a year's growth in Reading and Math for every child at Parsons School. For the 2015-2016 school year, Parsons Elementary School continues to also use researched best practices to reach and exceed the needs of all of their students. The classrooms are continuing to work with Guided Reading and individualized Math Instruction to meet the needs of our students. We are also taking part in weekly professional learning team meetings which allows our staff to continually monitor our students' progress and gives us the ability to provide intervention and extension opportunities for the students. An area of opportunity for improvement is found within our achievement on the M-STEP assessment in the area of Science. To assist in our students' growth, our district is evaluating the current resources we use to teach the curriculum and making decisions on how we can better prepare our students moving forward.

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. Parsons Elementary 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. Parsons Elementary School serves Kindergarten through 5th grade students.
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 K-5 are tested annually using the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment and Northwest Educational Association MAP Assessment.
6. Parent teacher conferences are held each fall. We have 100% participation through personal face to face contact. If such contact cannot be arranged, a phone conference is held.

Parsons Elementary 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,

Kelley Villa, Principal