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Imlay City Venture High School Annual Education Report (AER)

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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 2022-2023 educational progress for Imlay City Schools Venture High School. 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 Mr. Josh Henley, Imlay City High School Principal, at 810-724-9810 or jhenley@icschools.us for help if you need assistance.

The Venture High School AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://bit.ly/38aSNGB> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2022-23 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 2022-23. 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 2022-23. 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 2022-23. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Our Venture students, in their junior year, participate in the state-wide assessment process. Due to low numbers in enrollment, many of our numbers are <10 which does not generate specific percentages.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

Our Process for Assigning Pupils

Venture High School has open enrollment for resident students and participates in the schools of choice program for students outside of our residential area. Additionally, students may be reassigned from Imlay City High School for placement at Venture based on academic or other needs.



Imlay City High School has been selected as one of America's Best High Schools in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*, the nation's leading source of news analysis and service journalism. Imlay City High School is a four-time recipient of the award, having been named one of America's Best in 2007, 2013, 2018 and again in 2021.

The Status of Our 3-5 School Improvement Plan

Venture High School engages in a process of continuous school improvement, as outlined by the state of Michigan school improvement requirements. Program evaluations are done on the curriculum continuously and are key to Venture continuing efforts of improvement. A copy of the Venture High School improvement plan can be obtained from the main office. Venture High School also meets all other school improvement requirements for the State of Michigan.

A copy of the VHS school improvement plan can be obtained by contacting the main office of Imlay City High School.

Brief Description of Each Specialized School

Imlay City Schools is located in Imlay City, Michigan. Imlay City is part of Lapeer County in the southeastern thumb area of the state. The school district itself is comprised of 105 square miles (approximately) which encompasses the actual "city" limits and surrounding township. There are five buildings which address the public education of our community:

- Weston Elementary: Weston Elementary houses general education grades K-2. Additionally, it is home to the district's Early Learning Center. The Early Learning Center houses students in preschool programs (district and state,) begindergarten (an early 5's program) and childcare services. It also runs the before and after school latchkey program.
- Borland Elementary: Borland is home to students in grades 3-5. • Imlay City Middle School: The Middle School is home for the district's 6-8 grade students.
- Imlay City High School: The High School is home for the district's 9-12 grade students. The High School has made significant changes in curricular offerings in the past two years. Some of those changes include a STEM integration focus, Early College, STEM Academy program, etc.
- Imlay City Venture High School: Venture is a program for "at-risk" high-school students in an alternative setting. The Venture High School Community works together to foster an effective learning environment which provides students the education, skills and services necessary to assist them in high school completion, work readiness and/or preparation for post-secondary education. The Venture High School Community aims to assist students to become productive, successful, creative and responsible members of society.
- The Lapeer County Educational and Technology Center: Ed. Tech. provides vocational education and related services to high school students from all of the Lapeer County school districts. Students in approximately 15 different programs learn job specific skills to help them prepare for employment and/or college after graduation.

Accessing Our Curriculum

Venture High School has adopted the Michigan Merit Curriculum and corresponding High School Content Expectations, and continues to frame curriculum with the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks and Benchmarks. Copies of the High School Content Expectations (HSCEs), Michigan Curriculum Frameworks and a guide to the Michigan Merit Curriculum can be found on the Michigan Department of Education website at: Michigan Merit Curriculum. Our core curriculum is available, online, at https://www.icschools.us/about_ics/curriculum. A printed copy of our curriculum is available at our building office. You can contact the main office at (810) 724-9810 to request a copy.

You can contact the main office at (810) 724-9810 to request a copy. Venture High School's core curriculum does not vary from the state model.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Nationally Normed

Achievement Tests The Annual Report, as linked above and as available on our website

https://www.icschools.us/programs_and_schools/schools/high_school/annual_education_report identifies Venture High School's aggregate student achievement tests for nationally normed tests.



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ICS District High School Additional Reporting

The Number and Percent of Postsecondary Enrollments (Dual-Enrolled)

- 24 students are participating in postsecondary enrollments

The Number of College Equivalent Courses Offered (AP/IB)

- ICHS has 4 college equivalent courses taught by district staff members

The Number and Percent of Students Enrolled in College Equivalent Courses (AP/IB)

- There are 57 students in AP courses at ICHS and 46 have signed up for exams

The Number of Percent of Students Receiving a Score Leading to College Credit

- There were 117 students who earned college credit.

Imlay City Schools sees success in our students. In our efforts to ensure our students are afforded a quality learning environment, we offer award-winning academics, strong fine arts programs, and quality caring teachers. Additionally, we offer Advanced Placement options, Early College programs, technologically rich classrooms, a safe and secure campus, and a wide range of extracurricular offerings.

As we identify goals and student outcomes, we do so in a collaborative process that includes all stakeholders in the educational environment. To that end, parents are encouraged and invited to be actively involved in all aspects of the school day. Parents have opportunities to participate and volunteer in a plethora of different ways: Parent Teacher Organizations, the Parent Advisory Committee, School Improvement Meetings, Parent Informational events, etc. Furthermore, parents are provided the opportunity to give feedback through the use of surveys. These surveys provide valuable information which helps Imlay City Schools develop our improvement plans, target goals, and student outcomes.

Although we are proud of the academic achievements of our students, we will continue to grow and improve until all of our students are succeeding at the very highest levels of academic performance.

Sincerely,

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