



School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 9, 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) providing key information on the 2020-2021 educational progress for the W-A-Y Academy West Academy and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Charles Hyman for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting <http://bit.ly/2tKZj35> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

For the 2021-2022 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 subgroups. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. 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 label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Students participate in the SAT and Performance Series assessment testing. Below is an overview of those assessments.

Performance Series	<u>Reading</u> Gains/Drops	<u>Math</u> Gains/Drops	Total Gains/Drops
2018-2019	+28	+53	81
2019-2020	-4	+28	+24
2020-2021	+58	+28	+86

SAT	Reading	Math	Overall Scaled Score
Spring 2019	420	364	784
Spring 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A



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Spring 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
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W-A-Y Academy West had fewer than 10 students participate in the non-mandated assessments during the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19. When less than 10 students take the test the data is unable to be reported. For the 2021-22 school year, W-A-Y Academy Detroit Southwest plans to participate in the Spring 2022 state required assessments.

There are areas that we need to improve on in order to prepare our students for the 21st Century careers. Collectively as a community, we are addressing our student's skill level on informational text and the fundamentals of mathematics as well as increasing attendance and resources of our students. Test scores from the SAT, M-Step, and district assessments show that many of our students are performing below grade-level in Math and Reading. This is primarily due to a lack of motivation, which comes with students in alternative education. The data also shows that attendance is a problem as many of our students lack the resources needed to attend school, such as lack of transportation, bus money, and proper clothing for walking in inclement weather; and now motivation and space due to the pandemic.

Staff is receiving professional development to ensure that teachers understand the rigorous requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the Common Core State Standards. Consequently, students are receiving targeted differentiated instruction, Exact Path intervention, one-on-one and small after school tutoring, Khan Academy and our Centric learning system to help close the achievement gap. We are focused on providing much-needed resources for students to help accelerate achievement and close the achievement gap.

W-A-Y Academy West is open to all students residing in the local Detroit area. Students can enroll at W-A-Y Academy West on the school website <https://www.wayacademy.net/west/enroll> and a W-A-Y Academy West staff member will work directly with the parent/guardian to ensure the students have a successful transition to the school. Once the student is enrolled they participate in an orientation process that guides them through our program and how to successfully complete work on our online platform.

W-A-Y Academy has a school improvement team that meets regularly to review the school improvement plan and its corresponding goals and activities. The team reviews achievement, demographics, perception, and process data to develop a school improvement plan. W.A.Y Academy West "School Implement Plan" goals are to get all our students to perform at a proficient level in Math, English, Science and Social Studies. To reach that goal, every year our staff target goals are to increase our student proficiency level by 15% -20%, which is measured by district and State testing. A copy of the School Improvement Plan is available by contacting



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the school or on our website at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F-L64vKZg53v2rG_3BD1174Qt904wqng/view?usp=sharing

At W-A-Y Academy, our students engage in project-based courses that are aligned to national and state standards. The curriculum includes core and elective courses in Math, Science, English language arts, Social Studies, and other subjects. Our curriculum can be accessed from our district site (wayacademy.net).

All of our parents at W-A-Y Academy have access to our parent portal to view student progress with completing standards, credits obtained, and attendance history. Parents are able to send comments to teachers and set up meetings with their teacher and/or school leader at W-A-Y Academy. Additionally, on-going conferences and home visits are conducted to re-engage students. Currently, we actively communicate with parents via progress reports mailed out, conference calls, and parent-teacher conferences. Ultimately, we believe that involving parents in their student's education will improve the probability of a higher academic outcome.

Over the course of the 2020-21 school year, 100% or 92 parents at W-A-Y Academy West participated in parent-teacher communications. W-A-Y Academy West hosts parent's, student's, and teacher's meetings every month. At the meeting, we cover school data, upcoming events, current, and new school programs as well as individual meetings with parents and students regarding their progress and grades in the program.

W-A-Y Academy West had no students enrolled in the dual enrollment program for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer advanced placement courses. We do not offer international Baccalaureate courses. However, no students were enrolled in AP courses or International Baccalaureate courses for the 2020-2021 school year. W-A-Y Academy West did not have any students receive a score earning college credit for the 2020-2021 school year.

W-A-Y Academy West is committed to providing an outstanding educational program to all students. Staff members strive to ensure that our students are prepared for college, career, and life. We will continue to work as partners to ensure the success of each W-A-Y Academy West student. We thank you all, and we pledge to continue to work together to provide a premier education for the community's children in the future.

Sincerely,

Charles Hyman
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