



Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) provides key information on the 2018-19 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, Mr. 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 2018-2019 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 was not given a label.

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
2017-2018	+43	-37	6
2018-2019	+28	+53	81

SAT	Reading	Math	Overall Scaled Score
Spring 2018	382	347	736
Spring 2019	420	364	784

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



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assessments shows that many of our students are performing below grade-level in Math and Reading. This is primarily due to 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.

Staff are 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, ALEKS math intervention, Method Test Prep, Khan Academy and our Hero 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.

WAY Academy West is open to all students residing in the local Detroit area. Students can enroll at WAY Academy West on the school website <https://www.wayacademy.net/west/enroll> and a WAY 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 which guides them through our program and how to successfully complete work on our on-line platform.

WAY 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, demographic, perception, and process data to develop school improvement plan. W.A.Y Academy West “School Implement Plan” goals are to get all our school 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 the school or on our website at https://www.wayacademy.net/uploaded/WAY_Academy/Public_Board_Documents/Board_Documents/WAY_Chicago_SIP_17-18.pdf.

At WAY 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).



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All of our parents at WAY 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 WAY 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.

Currently, 75% of parents at WAY Academy West participate in parent-teacher communications over the course of the school year. WAY Academy West, host parents, students, and teachers meeting every month, in which we have an average of 7-15 parents (13% of the parent body) and around 15-20 students (15-20% of the student body) that is in attendance. 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.

WAY Academy West had no students enrolled in the dual enrollment program for the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school years. We offer two new advanced placement courses. We do not offer international. Baccalaureate courses. No students were enrolled in AP courses or international baccalaureate courses for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years, however we have added AP courses for the 2019-2020. WAY Academy West did not have any students receive a score earning college credit for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

WAY 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 WAY 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