



Novi Middle School

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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 2019-20 educational progress for Novi 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 Robert Baker for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site ([MI School Data website](#)), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 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 subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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 identified as a "HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS" school.

Aligned with our district and school improvement plans, the NMS staff focuses on Understanding by Design (UbD) and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) practices to ensure that instruction practices and assessments meet the needs of our learners. Furthermore, the NMS instructional staff is working to implement various instructional and grading practices in line with Ken O'Connor and Tom Shimmer's research. This work will continue in the years moving forward. These efforts help us create a more equitable learning environment by creating choice, fairness, and support for all students.

State law requires that we report additional information:

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

The Novi Community School District has one middle school. Students in the Novi Community School District boundaries attend 7th and 8th grades at Novi Middle School.

School Description and Student Enrollment

In the 2019-20 school year, Novi Middle School had 1,122 students. Approximately 47% of those students are Asian or Asian American. About 37% are White, 4% are Hispanic, 8% are African American, and 4% are two or more races. There are at least 25 home languages spoken by our students and about 14% of our students are English Learners. About 8% of the students at Novi Middle School are considered economically disadvantaged and are enrolled in free or reduced lunch programs. Approximately 61 students at NMS are students with active special education individualized education plans.

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Upon registration, a resident must show proof of residency within the boundaries of the Novi Community School District. All seventh and eighth grade students in the Novi Community School District attend Novi Middle School. Throughout their two years at NMS, students develop new areas of interest through a variety of exploratory and elective classes including world languages (Spanish, French, Japanese, German), art, computers, life skills, vocal music and instrumental music (orchestra, band). NMS offers a wide range of clubs, sports, intramural and extracurricular activities.

School Improvement Plan

Novi Middle School, as part of the Novi Community School District, is accredited by AdvancEd and is continuing to maintain and enhance our School Improvement Plan.

Core Curriculum

In 2019-2020, the NCSD continued to refine its core curriculum maps, courses and units of study in the four core content areas (Math, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies). This information can be viewed at the NCSD website: tinyurl.com/9h9dqe8x and by clicking on the appropriate grade levels and content areas. With the implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS), the district has aligned its curriculum with grade level expectations and CCSS and structured common assessments which are aligned with state and national standards. The use of the Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Maps system provides a common structure and easily accessible warehouse for intended curriculum as well as actual curriculum presented.

Nationally Normed Achievement Assessment Data

Each fall and spring, Novi students in grades K-10 take the nationally-normed Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests in Reading and Math. NWEA tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for the student's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. The Novi Middle School staff uses the results to improve our curriculum, instruction, and assessment procedures and to help all students be successful. Novi Middle School students consistently achieve higher than the national average. In the 2019-20 school year, eighth grade students were not able to complete the PSAT 8 assessment of English and math skills, due to the global pandemic.

Local Assessments

At NMS we use a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods (NWEA, M-STEP, local standardized assessments) to assess the whole child. Students are assessed both formally and informally in all classes using a variety of instruments including projects, performances and technology based presentations. Common assessments in mathematics, language arts, science and social studies were developed by NMS teachers and are administered to all students. Due to the pandemic in the spring of 2020, we did not administer M-STEP or PSAT assessments for this academic year. Instead, the table below shows scores from the previous year.

Grade	M-STEP ELA 2018- 2019 State Percentage Proficient	Novi Middle School Percentage Proficient	M-STEP Math 2018- 2019 State Percentage Proficient	Novi Middle School Percentage Proficient

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		on M-STEP ELA 2018-2019		on M-STEP Math 2018-2019
7	42.7%	68.4%	35.7%	75.8%
	PSAT ELA 2018-2019 State Percentage Proficient	Novi Middle School Percentage Proficient on PSAT ELA 2018-2019	PSAT Math 2018-2019 State Percentage Proficient	Novi Middle School Percentage Proficient on PSAT Math 2018-2019
8	61.9%	87.7%	41.4%	75.9%

Parent Participation

Parents participate in a wide range of activities at NMS. Their participation and support have enhanced and enriched the lives of our students and staff. Examples of parent participation include Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), MSBOA district and state festivals, MSVMA district and state festivals, new student and parent orientation, registration, assemblies, Activity Afternoons, Curriculum Night, Parent/Teacher Conferences and willing volunteers whenever needed throughout the year. NMS believes in providing information to parents on a regular basis. A weekly newsletter is sent to every parent to update families on upcoming events and school news. Report cards and online (MiStar Parent Portal) progress reports provide information on student progress. Bi-monthly parent teas with the principal provide useful information about school programs. NMS also hosts parent/teacher conferences twice a year. The number and percentage of parents participating in parent/teacher conferences are listed in the table below:

School Name	Grade Span	2020-21 Fall Conferences	%	2019-20 Spring Conferences	%	2019-20 Fall Conferences	%
Novi Middle School	7-8	684	61%	Canceled due to pandemic	NA	655	58%

The Novi Middle School staff is committed to providing a safe learning space that supports academic achievement. I congratulate our students, parents and staff for their continued commitment to excellence and dedication to student learning and achievement. You are the reason for our success as a community of learners at Novi Middle School. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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