

Novi Woods Elementary 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 the Novi Woods 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 David Ascher, principal of Novi Woods, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site ([MI School Data's 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 "HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS".

In April, 2018 the Michigan Department of Education released a new, *Parent Dashboard for School Transparency*. The dashboard is meant to be a "living" tool to show parents accurate and objective data about all schools in the state. You can view our school's Dashboard at [MI School Data website](#).

Despite our many achievements, Novi Woods continues to closely monitor the progress for each student, and we are concerned for any achievement gaps that exist in our school. For example, we have gaps between our students who have and do not have disabilities. Also, our students who are learning to speak English need specialized support. Ultimately, each teacher works to differentiate instruction to meet the individual needs for each student.

In March of 2020 our school buildings were closed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. While we shifted to all virtual learning to complete the 2019-2020 school year, parents and families were able to choose a hybrid or 100% virtual option in the 2020-2021 school year. Currently about 60% of the students at Novi Woods are learning virtually. The remaining students are learning in two separate hybrid rotations meaning they are the school building on either Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Fridays. All students learn remotely on Wednesdays. This plan is reviewed each month by our Board of Education. While we know the learning environment is not ideal for any student, we are proud of the plans we have in place and the positive impact on students.

State law requires that we also report additional information for the two most recent years.

Process for Student Assignments

Novi Community School District has five elementary K-4 buildings. Students are assigned to each building based on their geographic location.

School Description

Novi Woods currently has about 400 students. Approximately 58% of those students are Asian or Asian American. About 37% are White, and 3% are Hispanic, and 2% are African American. There are 25 home languages spoken by our students, and about 34% of our students are English Learners. About 3.26% of the students at Novi Woods are considered economically disadvantaged and are on free or reduced lunch. All

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breakfasts and lunches are free to all students this school year. Approximately 15 students at Novi Woods are students with active, special education individualized education plans.

School Improvement Plan

Novi Woods, as part of the Novi Community School District, is accredited by Congnia and is continuing to maintain and enhance our School Improvement Plan. You can view our plan by visiting the following website: [NCSd's AER page on website](#). Due to the global pandemic, schools were not required to submit an updated school improvement plan for the 2020-2021 school year. We are, however, continuing our work on the 2019-2020 plan. You can learn more about the accreditation process at [Cognia's website](#).

Core Curriculum

For 2021-2022, the Novi Community Schools will align existing curriculum with grade level expectation and Common Core State Standards as well as structure common assessments which are aligned with state and national standards. The use of Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Maps system provides a common structure and easily accessible warehouse for intended curriculum as well as actual curriculum presented. You can access the Atlas site at: [Atlas/Rubicon page on NCSd website](#)

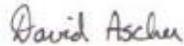
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Novi Community Schools conducts parent/teacher conferences twice a year. The percentage of parents and legal guardians participating in parent-teacher conferences at Novi Woods is listed on the table below. Due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, Spring conferences were not held in 2020.

2020-2021 Fall Conferences	2019-2020 Fall Conferences	2018-19 Spring Conferences	2018-19 Fall Conferences
98%	99.5%	97%	99%

The staff at Novi Woods is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment that supports academic achievement while upholding district, state and national standards to meet all students' learning needs. We believe that the Novi Woods' families are an integral part of the education process. It is our goal to continuously improve our performance and meet the educational needs of our young learners.

Sincerely,



David Ascher
Principal

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