



Walled Lake Consolidated School District

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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 2022-23 educational progress for James R. Geisler 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, contact [Principal Stuart Riley](#) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the [MI School Data](#) website 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 has at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2022-23. 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 in 2022-23. 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% in 2022-23. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. James R. Geisler Middle School was not given one of these labels.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Student Enrollment | School Assignment

Walled Lake Schools enrolls and assigns schools to students based on the attendance areas in which they reside. Maps and information on the District enrollment process is available on the District website at: <https://www.wlcsd.org/families/enrollment>

School Improvement Plan

At James R. Geisler Middle School we continue to focus our school improvement efforts on supporting the District Improvement goals of student success in literacy and math as well as maintaining a positive school climate. At middle/high school, we are



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focusing on how disciplinary literacy strategies support reading informational text in all content areas.

Specialized School Report

In addition to the regular K-12 program, our School District provides educational alternatives and opportunities for students as well as meeting special education needs. The "[Specialized Schools Report](#)" is available in our school office or on the District website at www.wlcsd.org.

Core Curriculum

The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' Board of Education has officially adopted Michigan Academic Standards in all Core content areas. Please visit the following websites for a listing of academic standards.

Michigan Department of Education | Michigan Academic Standards
[Michigan Academic Standards](#)

Walled Lake Schools' | Understanding the State Standards
<http://wlcsd.org/academics>

Achievement Testing

Middle school students in Walled Lake Schools take the M-STEP state assessment and locally we have district developed benchmark assessments for all core subject areas and many elective areas. Additionally, the iReady® benchmark assessment is given to students in grades 6, 7, and 8 in the areas of Math and Reading. Together, the combination of these assessments provides the teachers and building administration with individual student data allowing professional educators to individualize instruction to meet each child's needs. Our students consistently outperform the State for the percent of students proficient in the areas of ELA and Math.

Percent Proficient for M-STEP/PSAT 8/9 in ELA and Math as compared to State Proficiency

Last spring all Walled Lake Consolidated Schools students in grades 6-8 participated in the M-STEP state assessments.



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6th Grade, 2022-23	State, 2022-23
ELA: 43.3%	ELA: 37.5%
Math: 28.6%	Math: 29.6%
7th Grade, 2022-23	State, 2022-23
ELA: 57.7%	ELA: 36.9%
Math: 49.4%	Math: 31.0%
8th Grade, PSAT 8/9 2022-23	PSAT 8/9 State 2022-23
ELA: 66.0%	ELA: 59.7%
Math: 48.5%	Math: 36.3%

Parent-Teacher Conferences

2022-23	2021-22	School Year
1,751/3,525 possible conferences	1,636/3,400 possible conferences	Number of James R. Geisler Middle School students represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences.
49.7%	48%	Percentage of James R. Geisler Middle School students represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences.

In the 2022-23 school year, Geisler Middle School continued to hold the distinction "State School of Character," by the Character Education Partnership organization, and will soon begin the interview process to be considered as a National School of Character. Our core values celebrate diversity, integrity, community and equity. The Geisler School Community sets high expectations for our students, and takes our motto, "The strength of the pack is in the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is in the pack," (Kipling) to heart. We accomplish these goals by involving all members of our community – parents, students, faith leaders, and other community organizations.



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Geisler Middle School has a very active PTSA group, which works collaboratively with our local and school communities to support our students and staff. We are proud of their contributions and leadership in our school, and are grateful for the countless ways in which they support our Geisler Middle School staff and students.

Our "Geisler Pledge" exemplifies our core beliefs about learning and our school community:

We are Geisler!

We are:

Welcoming to
Opportunities,
Learning, and
Viewing our best selves. We
Engage in our education and we
Show others what we know.

Because we know...

The strength of the pack is in the WOLF, and the strength of the WOLF is in the pack.
I am strong because I am a GEISLER WOLF!

We are proud of our numerous student organizations and programs, including National Junior Honor Society, Robotics Team, Orchestra Ensemble, Religious Diversity Journey, Variety Show, School Musical, Spelling Bee, Girls Get IT, Jazz Band, Robotics, Peer Tutoring, Book Club, The Geisler Chronicles, Computer Science Discoveries and our eighth grade Washington DC experience.

As we continue to grow and lead as a school community, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the "Wolf Pack," who help us meet our annual goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Riley".



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