

SAULT AREA HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER

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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 2017-18 educational progress for Sault Area High School and Career Center. 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.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.saultschools.org/domain/899> or you may review a copy in Sault Area High School and Career Center's main office.

For the 2017-18 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 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.

Finally, it is worth noting, TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

This document contains several data points used to analyze the effectiveness of Sault Area High School and Career Center. Should you have any questions about information in this document, or wish to discuss other information about the high school, please do not hesitate to contact Carl McCready at (906) 635 – 3839 or carlm@eupschools.org.

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Sault Area High School and Career Center is the second largest geographical district in the State of Michigan. With over 700 students, it is also the second largest school in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The high school offers comprehensive programming in Career and Technical Education, Advanced Placement Coursework, Concurrent Enrollment, Dual Enrollment, and several courses in Native American Studies. Below are key components of Sault Area High School and Career Center:

1. Sault Area High School and Career Center offers open enrollment to those students that live within the Sault Area Public School's district. School of Choice options are available for students who live outside district lines. A parent interested in school of choice may inquire about the process through the Sault Area Public School's Administration Building.
2. Sault Area Public School's school improvement plan has shifted the school's focus from the bottom 30% of all students to a two tiered system. The school is working on a building wide initiative in Positive Behavior Supports. Additionally, the departments have begun to focus on research based formative assessment practices. A copy of this plan can be obtained in the main office of the high school or on the school's website.
3. Sault Area High School is proud to offer career and technical education, advanced placement coursework, dual enrollment, current enrollment, and early middle college programming. Additionally, Sault Area High School offers courses designed to support ELA and math during the school day. Finally, Sault High offers a comprehensive special education curriculum and after school tutoring programs to assist struggling learners.
4. Sault Area High School and Career Center's Course offering handbook can be viewed under the student resources tab of the school website. This can be <https://www.saultschools.org/Page/4128>. Sault High offers traditional coursework in English, math, science, social studies, physical education, art, music, and foreign language. Additionally, the high school offers both a fine arts and a geometry credit in the *geometry in construction* course. The physical education department requires a full year of credit to graduate. Sault Area High School's attached Career Center boasts of certified programs in auto, machining, drafting, construction, welding, allied health, emt, law enforcement, and a comprehensive business program. All of these programs articulate credit through several Michigan colleges and universities. Finally, Sault High is proud to have a population that numbers 1/3 Native American. This allows the high school to offer credit in Native American Literature and the Ojibwe Language.
5. Attached to this letter you will find information on state mandated standardized testing. Sault Area High School continues to focus on the needs of its special education students as a means to increase student

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performance. For the 2017-18 school year, 52% of the school's population was proficient on state tests. This is 17% points higher than average schools of similar demographics and 12% higher than the state average. 68% of students were enrolled in advanced coursework. This is 26% higher than schools of similar demographics and 23% higher than state average. All students at Sault High participate in the state testing as a graduation requirement. Finally, the district's Native American population tests at 46% proficient in all subjects on state tests. This is 15% higher than the state average for Native Students and 6% higher than the state average as a whole.

6. Over 30% of parents attended parent teacher conferences.
7. The following Dual Enrollment/Advanced Placement options were available at Sault Area High School for the 2017-18 year:
 - a. Sault Area High School offers concurrent enrollment courses through Lake Superior State University. These courses are offered in English 110, English 111, and Chem 115. 51 students enrolled in English 110, 50 students enrolled in English 111 and 34 enrolled in Chem 115. Finally, 28 students dual enrolled at Lake Superior State University.
 - b. AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Biology, and AP US History. A total of 123 students enrolled in at least one of these courses.
 - c. All of the students in the above list are on track to successfully complete the requirement leading to college credit in both the dual and concurrent enrollment courses. All students will successfully complete the AP courses to earn high school credit. A total of 69 students took 81 AP tests in 2018. Of these 69 students, with 27 students earning credit on 30 AP tests.

With its diverse population and comprehensive curriculum, Sault Area High School is truly a *GREAT PLACE TO LEARN*.

Sincerely,



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