

# 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 2021-22 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. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jeanine Sherman, Principal at [jsherman@eupschools.org](mailto:jsherman@eupschools.org) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://www.saultschools.org/Page/8390> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 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 had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2021-22. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Sault Area High School is pleased to announce it HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS.

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 Technical Education, Advanced Placement Coursework, Concurrent Enrollment and Dual Enrollment Coursework. Our students take MAP NWEA, PSAT, SAT, WorkKeys, and have access to take the ASVAB. Our staff utilizes Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), and Restorative Practices to ensure students receive the support they need. Below are key components of Sault Area High School and Career Center.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Sault Area High School and Career Center offers open enrollment to those students that live within the Sault Area Public School's district. A parent interested in school of choice may inquire about the process through the Sault Area Public School's Administration Building.

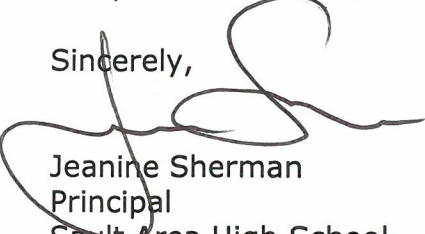
2. Sault Area High School's Improvement Plan includes the following initiatives
  - a. Competencies in the Portrait of a Graduate: Sault Area High School and Career Center has begun implementing Sault Schools Portrait of a Graduate. We have had several Advanced Placement (AP) courses help with the description in a few of the competency areas. As a building we are working on focusing on Wellness of our staff and students, first and foremost. During our Professional Learning Communities, our teachers collaborate and create ways to increase exposure of the competencies. Responsible Citizenship is the other competency of focus for the first year of implementation. Teachers are exposing students to the characteristics a responsible citizen. We are also trying to help students by scaffolding and modeling self-regulation. We will continue to increase our focus and connection to the Portrait of a Graduate competencies.
  - b. Attendance: Sault Area High School intends to improve attendance and communication of absences. We are part of a state and nation that has been trying to overcome the strain on the economy and families the COVID pandemic brought. We had many absences due to illness, quarantines, and families choosing to keep their students home, out of fear. Our focus this year is to re-establish our communication, high expectations, and interventions for improving attendance. We have a clear and transparent communication system, we have efficient reports we use to flag student chronic absenteeism and a student support staff to provide support to those students struggling to attend school. We are continuing to work on our climate to ensure all students feel they belong and have connections with staff and peers.
  - c. Freshmen Transition Success: Transitions are difficult for students. Sault Area High School continues to put interventions and systems in place to improve communication from sending schools, utilize reports to flag students struggling, and a support staff to implement appropriate interventions for students. We are in the second year of an additional Freshmen Seminar class for students needing support through their transition. Our school social worker has implemented additional tier 2 support by utilizing group cognitive behavior therapy. The support staff continues to work on building a program for incoming freshmen to attend to prepare them for success.
3. Sault Area High School is proud to offer career and technical education, advanced placement coursework, dual enrollment, concurrent 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. We also have programs specifically designed to link peers with students in need.

4. Sault Area High School and Career Center's Course offering handbook can be viewed under the student resources tab of the school website, <https://www.saultschools.org/Domain/1041>. Sault High offers traditional coursework in English, math, science, social studies, physical education, art, music and world language. Additionally, the high school offers both a fine arts and geometry credit in the geometry in construction course and a algebra and manufacturing course. The physical education department requires a half credit to graduate. Sault Area High School's attached Career Center boasts of certified programs in auto, machining, welding, construction, drafting, allied health, emt, law enforcement, and a comprehensive business program. All of these programs articulate credit through several Michigan colleges and universities. Finally, Sault Area High School is proud to have a population of 1/3 Native American.
5. Attached to this letter you will find information on state mandated standardized testing. All students at Sault High participate in the state testing as a graduation requirement.
6. Over 22% of parents attended parent teacher conferences.
7. The following Dual Enrollment/Advanced Placement options were available at Sault Area High School for the 2021-22 school year.
  - a. Sault Area High School offers concurrent enrollment courses through Lake Superior State University. These courses are offered in English 110, English 111, Eng 235 and Chem 115.  
82 students dual enrolled at Lake Superior State University.
  - b. AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Native American Literature, AP Biology, AP US History, AP World History, AP Physics, AP Psychology, AP Computer Science. A total of 184 students enrolled in an AP course for the 2021-22 school year, making 22%. 9 AP courses held for the 2021-22 school year.
  - c. All of the students in the above list are on a track to successfully complete the requirement leading to college credit in both the dual and concurrent enrollment courses. All student will successfully complete the AP courses to earn high school credit. A total of 142 students took 224 AP tests in 2022. OF these 224 tests 76 AP tests were scored at a 3 or higher, for 53%.

Sault Area High School and Career Center continues to strive toward creating a safe space for all students to learn and be successful. All students have access to a School Advisor, Social Worker, Native American Advisor, At-Rick Coordinator, School Nurse, and the Student Health Adolescent Care Center (SHACC). We would like to thank our stakeholders for supporting and contributing to our wellbeing and success of our students. With its diverse population, supportive staff and comprehensive curriculum, Sault Area High School is a GREAT PLACE TO LEARN.

Sincerely,



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