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Riley Upper Elementary



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2025-2026 Annual Education Report



Riley Upper Elementary School

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February 1, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2024-25 educational progress for Riley Upper Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about accountability, student assessment, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jon Wennstrom, Principal of Riley Upper Elementary, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Riley Website](#) or you may review a copy by contacting the Riley Upper Elementary School office.

For the 2025-26 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 group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group 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, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of those labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The AER has two major sections to it that are required by state law. The information contained in the first section was compiled by district staff. It presents relevant information about our district, our academic programs, school improvement efforts, two years of results on district developed assessments and nationally norm referenced assessments. It also includes the district's parent involvement policy and specialized programs.

The second section of the report contains information provided by the Michigan Department of Education and is required to be presented in MDE format.

Some of the key challenges for the school and initiatives being undertaken to accelerate student achievement and close achievement gaps include: The use of common data to identify struggling learners in math, as well as, literacy through our district and school assessments and use targeted intervention time to support these students. The use common data during PLT meetings to analyze student needs and address areas in need of improvement. Identifying students who are facing poverty and absenteeism concerns and find ways to address them. Consistently address "A Community with Character" through our SEL Curriculum, Caring School Community, monthly themes, classroom meetings, and school celebrations. Finally to ensure that parents are aware of the safety and security protocols and

procedures at Riley.

State law requires that we also report additional information as found on the following pages.

The Riley staff is committed to helping each child succeed and to partner with our parents and community members to provide our students with a rich and rewarding educational experience.

Sincerely,

Jon Wennstrom
Riley Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

Learning, Growing and Achieving Together

VISION

We envision that Riley Upper Elementary will be a safe environment in which our students will learn. Collaboratively, the Riley staff, parents, and community will work to create a positive and productive learning climate for all. Students will be encouraged and taught to problem solve and make decisions that benefit themselves and others. Student achievement will be assessed continually to monitor progress and drive instruction. Teachers and students will be held accountable to high standards, not only academically, but in conduct as well. Riley Upper Elementary students will be encouraged to be responsible, respectful, self-disciplined members of society.

BELIEFS

We believe:

- In high expectations
- Students can accept responsibility for their learning and themselves
- In mutual respect and collaboration
- In a multiplicity of programs
- In meeting individual learning needs

SCHOOL PROFILE

Riley Upper Elementary School serves 662 students in grades 5-6. The principal of Riley Upper Elementary School is Jonathon Wennstrom and the assistant principal is Joseph Schiavi. There are 24 general education teaching staff members. There is also a music teacher, media specialist, art teacher, physical education teacher and STEM teacher.

In addition, there are the following professional support staff: school psychologist, school social worker, learning specialist, 2 ESAP providers, speech and language therapists, 2.6 resource classroom teachers, teacher consultant outreach, occupational and physical therapist, and homebound or hospitalized services.

Assisting all of us in keeping the building operating in an organized manner, keeping the building clean, serving nutritious food, and helping teachers and students are: custodians, secretaries, paraprofessionals, and lunchroom personnel.

ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

All students are assigned to Riley Upper Elementary School based upon attendance within the geographic boundaries of the school as well as students who transfer in based on seats available.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School improvement is a process by which stakeholders in a school, work cooperatively to improve student achievement. An analysis of student achievement data led the Riley Staff to focus our improvement efforts on the fundamental areas of ELA and Math. We have developed action plans using proven interventions and are annually documenting our progress toward the achievement of these goals.

SI Goals for 2025-2028

ELA School Improvement Goal/s:

All students will be proficient in reading and writing with an improvement of 3% on MSTEP each year for the next three years.

Math School Improvement Goal/s:

All students will be proficient in math with an improvement of 3% on the math MSTEP each year for the next three years.

SI Goals for 2022-2025

Reading Goal: All students at Riley Upper Elementary School will become proficient readers of grade level content.

Math Goal: All students at Riley Upper Elementary School will become proficient in grade level mathematics.

Writing Goal: All students at Riley Upper Elementary School will become proficient writers in all content areas.

Science Goal: All students at Riley Upper Elementary School will become proficient in science.

Studies Goal: All students at Riley Upper Elementary School will become proficient in social studies

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS

At the elementary level, students may be enrolled in Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) at Webster Elementary School, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School and special education centers at Coolidge, Grant, Johnson, Randolph and Webster. A preschool and a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) are operated at the Livonia Early Childhood Center, and preschool special education programs are located at Roosevelt Elementary and Livonia Early Childhood Center. Other special education programs are available in western Wayne County for our students with disabilities, based upon their individual needs. Specific information about these programs is available on the district Web site at www.livoniapublicschools.org.

CORE CURRICULUM

The core curriculum at Riley Upper Elementary provides learning experiences in reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling, handwriting, mathematics, social studies, science, technology, health, physical education, art, instrumental music, vocal music, library/research skills and enrichment activities. The core curriculum is based on the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts.

The goal of education is to provide all learners with a solid foundation of skills, knowledge, and understandings that are necessary for their continual growth and success as students within the school setting and as adults in society. As a result of sound K-12 education based on well-defined educational outcomes, a Livonia Public School graduate will:

- Respect self, others, and the environment.
- Communicate effectively.
- Know how to learn and work productively.
- Acquire and process information.
- Use critical and creative thinking to make decisions and solve problems.
- Work and participate independently and cooperatively.

Acquire a core of understanding and competencies within the content areas.

A copy of the core curriculum may be obtained from the district's Academic Services Department.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON DISTRICT DEVELOPED AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

The following tables, show the results of local testing for the district. Students are assessed using district created benchmark assessments, running records and I Ready Diagnostic Assessment.

DISTRICT LITERACY ASSESSMENTS

The following charts shows the percentage of students at each grade level that performed at or above grade level on the i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment at the end of the school year. This diagnostic is administered three times a year in reading and math.

i-READY READING		
Percent of Students Mid or Above Grade Level		
Spring 2025	Grade 5	Grade 6
Riley	25%	32%
District	44.2%	52.2%
Spring 2024	Grade 5	Grade 6
Riley	22%	43%
District	28%	40%

DISTRICT MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS

i-READY Mathematics Percent of Students Mid or Above Grade Level		
Spring 2025	Grade 5	Grade 6
Riley	40%	31%
District	52.2%	46.8%
Spring 2024	Grade 5	Grade 6
Riley	32%	37%
District	33%	32%

NORM REFERENCED ASSESSMENT

The Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT®) from Riverside Publishing is administered to sixth grade students. CogAT® is a nationally normed test and is generally considered an aptitude test.

CogAT - GRADE 6 Average Age Percentiles				
2024-2025	Verbal	Quantitative	Nonverbal	Composite
Riley	51%	55.8%	54.1%	53.6%
District	61.3%	65.5%	66.9%	66%
2023-2024	Verbal	Quantitative	Nonverbal	Composite
Riley	54%	65%	63%	62%
District	54%	60%	65%	61%

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

One of the most important factors of a child's success in school is the involvement of parents or guardians in the educational process. Riley Upper Elementary has a high degree of parental involvement evidenced by 98% of families in 2025-2026 and 96% attending parent-teacher conferences in 2024-2025 and 93% attending parent-teacher conferences in 2023-2024.

Riley Upper Elementary hosts both a Curriculum Night and Open House events. For the 2025-2026 year 85% of families attended Open House and Curriculum Night as it was a combined event. For the 2024-2025 school year 82% of families attended Open House. Curriculum Night was a virtual event.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The district's Parent Involvement Plan is available on the district's website, which is linked to each school's website.

BOARD POLICY

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INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

September 23, 2024

The Board strongly encourages and welcomes the engagement of families in all of the District's educational programs. It is recognized and appreciated that family members are the "first teachers" of their children, and that their interest and involvement in the education of their children should not diminish once their child enters the schools of the District. The administration shall design a program/plan that will encourage family engagement that may include, but not be limited to: the review of instructional materials; input on the ways that the District may better provide family members with information concerning current laws, regulations, and instructional programs; and District offerings of training programs to guide family members on how to become more involved in their child's educational programs.

Pursuant to state law, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall provide a copy of the District's Family Engagement plan to all families.

DATA FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

Includes the following four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This section of the report presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7 and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials.
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified.

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety.

This link: [MiSchool Data-Riley](#) will take you to the reports provided by the Michigan Department of Education for Riley Upper Elementary School.