



Jackson Public Schools

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2024-2025 educational progress of Jackson Public School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Julie Baker or Jeremy Patterson for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting [this link](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly. These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- 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.

School Accountability Data

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

Educator 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

Please review the table below listing our schools. 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 these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Cascades Elementary	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
Dibble Elementary	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
Hunt Elementary	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
Jackson High School	TSI	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Advancement Via Individual Determination program (AVI)
Jackson Pathways	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Advancement Via Individual Determination program (AVI)
Jackson Montessori School	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
John R. Lewis Elementary	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
Middle School at Parkside	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
Northeast Elementary	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
Sharp Park Academy	No Label	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
South Central MI Virtual	CSI	Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

At Jackson Public Schools, we are committed to developing the whole child—supporting strong academic outcomes while also prioritizing students' social and emotional growth. We proudly offer a wide range of high-quality learning opportunities for students of all ages, including the county's only free public K–5 Montessori program, preschool options, all-day kindergarten, and Young Fives. Our elementary students benefit from our engaging STEAM program, while students in grades K–12 can access flexible learning through South Central Michigan Virtual and SCMV Options.

Jackson High School provides an exceptional and diverse educational experience, offering the most Advanced Placement courses in Jackson County, award-winning music programs, and an expanding eSports program. Through partnerships with local colleges, students may participate in dual enrollment, take advanced coursework, and earn up to 60 tuition-free college credits through Early College. Career-focused, hands-on learning is also available through our collaboration with the Jackson Area Career Center.

Our district embraces a whole-child philosophy to ensure every student feels supported, connected, and empowered to succeed. Success coaches, social-emotional learning programs, and restorative practices help foster a positive school climate. Through our student study team process, families and staff work together to support attendance, behavior, and academic progress. Instruction is guided by data and strengthened through our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), allowing us to provide targeted interventions and personalized learning pathways.

Community partnership is at the heart of Jackson Public Schools. We invite families and community members to be actively involved—by attending school events, participating in PTOs or school improvement teams, or supporting classrooms in meaningful ways. Stay informed and engaged by following your school on social media or through the JPS app.

At Jackson Public Schools, Vikings thrive when community comes together—and every day is a great day to be a Viking!

Sincerely,

Jeremy Patterson