



NILES

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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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 2020-21 educational progress for the Niles High 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, please contact Mrs. Michelle Asmus for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Annual Reports - Niles Community Schools](#) or you may review a copy in the main office. For the 2020-21 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.

* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions for all school districts 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.

Our school has not been identified to receive any support categories.

Niles High School continues to work towards ensuring that all students graduate on time. Teachers continue extensive training and practice in the Marzano Instructional Framework to further tune our teaching strategies to increase student achievement in all areas. Weekly seminar sessions allow students intervention time in classes where they are not meeting expectations. Niles High School recognizes that students require that we meet their social and emotional needs, as well. In addition to providing counseling services in the areas of credit attainment, career preparation, college preparation, work study, and post-secondary education access, all our counselors are licensed school counselors. Our behavior specialist is also nationally licensed.

State law requires that we also report additional information, as follows.



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PUPIL ASSIGNMENT

Niles High High School is the only comprehensive high school in Niles Community Schools. All students have been assigned to Niles High School unless they have been assigned or choose to go to one of our alternative programs.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The 3-5 year School Improvement Plan can be found on our website as well as in the school office.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Niles High School is a comprehensive high school offering a wide variety of college and career programs to meet every individual student's needs. These programs include New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy, Math Science Center, AP Honors Program, and numerous Career Technical Educational programs both on campus and at other sites.

ACCESS TO CORE CURRICULUM

As mandated by the State of Michigan, Niles Community Schools has developed a core curriculum at all school levels. Outcomes to be achieved by all students have been defined based upon the district's educational mission, student performance objectives, and the Michigan Common Core State Standards for K-12 students. Copies of core curriculum are available at all buildings and at the district office. In addition to the core curriculum, students must earn elective credits to meet the overall credit requirement. The Class of 2021 was required to have 26 credits to earn a Niles High School diploma. Home School options and alternative education placements are discussed with any student who has a need or desire. Course offerings and scheduling information can be found on the school's website within the Guidance/College Information tab at

https://nhs.nilesschools.org/academics_and_guidance

AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Student achievement data can be found online at [MI School Data](#). Please search under Niles Senior High School.



Summary:

School Year	Performance Summary Percent of students proficient in all subjects on state tests	Progress Summary Percent of students who are making progress towards proficiency or increasing their proficiency in all subjects on the state tests.
2018-2019	49%	39%
2019-2020	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable
2020-2021	29%	24%

Parent Teacher Conference Data

Year	Fall Involvement Percent	Spring Involvement Percent
2018-2019	26%	16%
2019-2020	22%	60%
2020-2021	22%	35%

Conferences take place in person, virtually or over the phone.

Additional information for Niles High School:


Niles High School is proud to offer a variety of opportunities for our learners. Niles New Tech, which focuses on Project Based Learning is an option for incoming freshman. Career and Technical Education courses are offered include: AgriScience and Natural Resources, Allied Health, Automotive Tech, Culinary Arts, Graphic Design and Production and Professional Health Careers Academy. Advanced Placement classes are also available each year. In addition, Niles High School students in grades 11 and 12 are able to dual enroll in local colleges: Southwestern Michigan College and Lake Michigan College. Berrien County 5th Year Early/Middle College (E/MC) is a five-year high school program where students extend their high school experience by one year to earn their high school diploma and one of the following: substantial transferable college credits, technical or career certificate, opportunity to begin a registered apprenticeship, or an associate degree.

Niles High School is changing and growing to meet the needs of the 21st Century learners and our



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options for our students continue to surpass those in our county. We are a safe and diverse learning community, centered on students and student success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Asmus
Principal
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