



WEST IRON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

601 Garfield Avenue
Iron River, Michigan 49935



CHRISTOPHER THOMSON
Superintendent

email: cthomson@westiron.org

Phone: (906) 265-9218
Fax: (906) 265-9736

January 31, 2017

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-2016 educational progress for West Iron County High School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mike Berutti for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the web site by clicking [here](#), by visiting westiron.org or you may review a copy from our office at your child's school.

For 2015-2016, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of the schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improved metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label was given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

West Iron County High School is the only high school in our district. Children in grades 9-12 attend the high school. We are in the second year of another cycle of our three year school improvement plan. Our School Improvement team focused on improving students' knowledge of inquiry based learning in the areas of reading, writing, math, science and social studies. The West Iron County Public Schools does not have any specialized schools. If you would like to see a copy of our curriculum, please stop in the office. Our curriculum is matched with the Common Core Standards. The SAT, Michigan Work Keys and M-Step test is the only student normed achievement tests that we take.

The High School held an orientation on September 1st. Seventy four percent of our students were present at orientation. Parent- teacher conferences were held on November 10, 2016. Attendance and percentages were as follows for the past two years:

- 2013- 34 of our 61 families were in attendance (56%)
- 2014- 28 of our 57 families were in attendance (49%)
- 2015- 26 of our 67 families were in attendance (39%)
- 2016- 29 of our 66 families were in attendance (44%)

10th Grade

- 2013- 29 of our 65 families were in attendance (45%)
- 2014- 28 of our 62 families were in attendance (45%)
- 2015- 28 of our 60 families were in attendance (47%)
- 2016- 27 Of our 65 families were in attendance (41%)

11th Grade

- 2013- 23 of our 55 families were in attendance (42%)
- 2014- 25 of our 58 families were in attendance (43%)
- 2015- 26 of our 61 families were in attendance (43%)
- 2016- 27 of our 61 families were in attendance (44%)

12th Grade

- 2013- 24 of our 77 families were in attendance (29%)
- 2014- 22 of our 51 families were in attendance (43%)
- 2015- 22 of our 55 families were in attendance (40%)
- 2016- 23 of our 58 families were in attendance (40%)

We, at West Iron County High School, are proud of our students and the work that is accomplished to meet federal and state requirements. We thank you for your continued support with your children. We encourage you to continue to instill in your child the importance of a good education.

Sincerely,

Mike Berutti, Principal