



**Westwood Cyber High School  
Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter**

April 4, 2016

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2014-15 educational progress for the Westwood Cyber 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 Hilliard Hampton, Director, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://chs.westwood.schooldesk.net/> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

As you are well aware, the State of Michigan replaced the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) this past school year with a summative assessment called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). The assessment was designed for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students (at the high school level), in order to measure student learning on Michigan's standards in Mathematics, Reading, English Language Arts (ELA), Science, and Social Studies. Despite their best efforts, reported data indicates that the majority of our students did not meet the proficiency standards as set by the State of Michigan. We assure you, however, that due to the new assessment, numerous school districts across the state saw a similar decline in test scores. Westwood Cyber High School is working to improve student achievement in order to meet the state's proficiency standards. Staff will incorporate strategies that ensure all students enrolled in the program will improve academically, increase graduation rate and meets college and career readiness standards.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School:**  
Westwood Cyber High School is a part of the Westwood Community School District. Students from across the Wayne County area may register to attend our school by applying throughout the year.
2. **The Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan:**  
The school improvement plan is a part of a continuous cycle of improvement. Westwood Cyber High School has entered the third year of implementing a Transformation Redesign Plan.

3. **A Brief Description of the School:**  
The Westwood Cyber High School a 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade program is offered to students at risk of dropping out who live in the Wayne County area or who are referred to the program from their home school district in the form of a referral. In 2009, Westwood Cyber High School open with 180 students and currently has 324 students enrolled. Westwood Cyber High School is a year round, educational program offering constructive, project-based, online learning experiences for students. We offer options for students who are unable to attend traditional school for a variety of reasons. We provide a safe and secure environment in which students are encouraged to succeed without the fear of failure. The result of this intensively differentiated learning is that Westwood Cyber High School students who were once at-risk of dropping out of school are seeing significant academic and personal gains. The staff of the program work hard to service all of these students by providing individualized learning plans, and targeted assistance to each. Individualized learning plans still meet Michigan Core Content Standards.
4. **The Core Curriculum:**  
Westwood Cyber High School's curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). Using the MMC as the springboard, teachers plan and execute robust projects that require students to not only develop crucial skills, but also increase their capacities for critical thinking and collaboration. If you would like more information regarding this model, please contact Westwood Cyber High School.
5. **The Aggregate Student Achievement Results:**  
Westwood Cyber High School services nontraditional students; the national normed achievement testing doesn't apply.
6. **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**  
Project Managers lead and manage a cohort of students on a day-to-day basis. They develop individualized plans of study for each student in their cohort. Also, Project Managers initiate conferences with all students and their parents by the way of phone, office visit, and/or home visits throughout the school year.
7. **Post-Secondary Enrollment:**  
During the 2014-15 school year, International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses were not offered at Westwood Cyber High School.

We believe that all students can learn and deserve the opportunity to be successful in an environment that encourages their academic and social growth. Our expectation is that our student achievement will reflect that vision in the future. We appreciate the support and trust granted to us by our families and community.

Sincerely,

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