



**Westwood Cyber High School**  
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Dear Parents and Community Member:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2013-14 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, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact (313)565-0288 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.westwood.k12.mi.us](http://www.westwood.k12.mi.us) or you may review a copy in the Principal's office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Westwood Cyber High School has been identified as a Priority school.

For 2013-14, Westwood Cyber High School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because we did not meet the targets for performance set forth by the state. Westwood Cyber High School is working to improve student achievement in order to meet the state's proficiency. 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.

### **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - Status**

AYP Status is based on student participation and proficiency in mathematics and reading. Attendance targets must be met for elementary and middle schools and graduation rate targets must be met for high school.

### **Top to Bottom Ranking - Detail Data and Status**

Information used to rank schools is based on the development of the Top to Bottom list of schools and their performance. Each school's Top to Bottom ranking will be based on student achievement, student growth over time, school improvement over time and achievement gaps across all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing).

State law requires that we also report additional information for the two most recent years on the following:

1. **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School:**

Westwood Cyber High School is a part of the Westwood Community School District which is a school of choice district. Students from across Wayne County 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 is entering into the fourth year of implementation.

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 (also know as researchers) at risk of dropping out that live in Wayne County 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 405 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 schools 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.
  
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 students and their parents by the way of phone, office visit, and/or home visits throughout the school year.
  
7. **Post-Secondary Enrollment:**  
Westwood Cyber High School students participated in dual enrollment courses at Henry Ford Community College, and each student earned college credit from their participation in the courses. International Baccalaureate and Advances Placement courses were not offered at Westwood Cyber High School during the 2013-14 school year.

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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