

**EXCELSIOR TOWNSHIP DISTRICT #1
CRAWFORD SCHOOL
5521 M-72 NE
Kalkaska, Michigan 49646**

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

5/17/2018

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress for the Crawford 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 Pam Alfieri for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/m6twjt> (SEE Q.4 AND Q.5 OF THE 2017-18 AER FAQ DOCUMENT FOR DIRECTIONS>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school was not identified with any of the above described labels.

We work very hard to provide our students with a sound academic program within our small, nurturing environment. As indicated in the School Index Overview, math and language arts achievement are areas that need continued support. The current ELA growth percentile target is 67.14 and the math growth percentile target is currently 65.74. We recently adopted the new CKLA language arts curriculum, implemented the CPM middle school mathematics curriculum, joined the regional Demo Classroom work with support from the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate District, and continued our implementation of Math Expressions for the kindergarten through fifth graders. Our future work will also include the 2017 Marzano Focused Teacher Framework to promote teacher effectiveness and enhance student achievement.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Students living in Crawford School's attendance area may attend.

The updated school improvement plan can be located via the school website. Goals and strategies to increase achievement in all content areas are included.

The school is currently implementing the Michigan Common Core State Standards. These standards can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/mde Grade level specific curriculum can be accessed through the classroom teacher.

Over the past two years, students at Crawford have taken NWEA assessments. While some of the students are showing growth at or above the national average, overall scores are below the national average. Teachers will continue to work diligently to promote successful pathways for each learner. We will also work on deeper connections with our families since we have an average attendance rating of 95% at our parent-teacher conferences.

Crawford school is dedicated to support the latest, research-based instructional improvement strategies across all content areas for all learners within our unique setting. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the students and community of Crawford!

Sincerely,

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And Crawford Principal