

Derby Middle School



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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 2021-22 educational progress for Derby Middle 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 me at 248.203.5005 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/2ZC0cLd>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2018-19. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2017-18. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Derby Middle School continues to be an outstanding educational experience for students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Our goal is to develop confident, compassionate, intellectually curious young people who are well prepared to excel throughout their high school years and beyond. Through a menu of challenging academics and diverse electives, Derby provides opportunities for students to grow and stretch in new directions. We have a strong parent community who are involved with multiple aspects of our school.

Our dedicated staff is well trained and committed to professional learning and best practices. Together staff and parents partner in the middle school journey of growth. Our staff is committed to developing the whole child by building character and ensuring the progression of intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. Excitement and enthusiasm are two words that describe our middle school students. Middle school is a unique time in children's lives when they carefully explore new activities, interests and ideas. The planned curriculum, with emphasis on global learning skills is designed to prepare students for the expectations of tomorrow.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Birmingham Public Schools is a closed district, which means that families must live within the district to be placed at a neighborhood school. Tuition-based programs are available for out-of district families interested in attending our district

2. Derby Middle School began a school improvement cycle last year in which the focus has been on writing, specifically, CERS (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning, Synthesis). Our progress for the goal is monitored by student self-assessments and building assessments. As part of a continuous effort to improve, our leadership team works closely with interventionists content area teams to ensure curriculum alignment with Common Core State Standards as well as Next Generation Science Standards.
3. BPS offers specialized schools to students within the district.
 - a. Birmingham Covington School is a 3-8 district-wide school of choice open to BPS students with a special emphasis on science and technology. Interested students may register to enroll. If there aren't enough spaces available, a lottery is held in January to select students for the upcoming school year.
 - b. Lincoln Street Alternative High School seeks to develop the unique talents of their students by providing them the opportunity to acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitude necessary to live successfully in a changing world. LSAHS provides a flexible learning environment in a family atmosphere that encourages student decision-making, critical thinking, understanding of and appreciation for individual and cultural differences, and good citizenship in our democratic society.
 - c. BPS partners with the International Academy to offer the International Baccalaureate program to high school students. Currently, the district holds 80 seats for interested students accepted into the program.
 - d. Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast is an extension of the high school program and provides nine educational clusters which are developed around broad occupational areas containing many different, but related, career training options for students
4. BPS adheres to the Career and College Readiness academic standards and Michigan Merit Curriculum from the State of Michigan. Information on these can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/MI-Standards>. In addition, our district continues to work to fully align our K12 curriculum with state and national standards. As work progresses on these efforts, information will be made available to parents on our district website under the Teaching and Learning Department page.
5. The district administers the NWEA Math and Reading assessments in Grades 1-5. Below are spring 2018, 2019, and 2021 mean RIT (Rasch unIT) scores, compared to national norm RIT scores.

RIT Mean Score

NWEA Reading	Year	6th	7th	8th
Derby	Spring 2021	221.7	221.6	225.2
Derby	Spring 2019	223.0	227.0	227.5
Derby	Spring 2018	223.0	225.2	228.1

NWEA National Norms	Spring 2020	215.36	218.36	221.66
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RIT Mean Score

NWEA Math	Year	6th	7th	8th
Derby	Spring 2021	227.4	231.1	240
Derby	Spring 2019	230.4	237.2	242.2
Derby	Spring 2018	230.0	235.2	243.7
NWEA National Norms	Spring 2020	222.88	226.73	230.3

6. At Derby during the 2021-22 school year, approximately 93% of our parents/guardians attended conferences.

We thank the Derby community for their continued support of our programs and activities. We are pleased to present this report for your review. Please feel free to contact the district at (248) 203-3025 about our achievements.

Sincerely,

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