



Vicksburg High 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 2015-16 educational progress for Vicksburg 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 Keevin O'Neill, Principal, at 269-321-1160 for assistance.

The School AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the district's website at www.vicksburgschools.org. Under the *Programs and Policies* tab, go to *Annual Reports* and click on "Vicksburg High School". You can also link directly to our AER by following this link: <https://goo.gl/MeG80W> or a copy of the report is available for your review in the main office of Vicksburg High School, 501 E. Highway St., Vicksburg, MI.

For the 2016-17 year, 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 schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement 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 is given. Vicksburg High School has not been identified as a Priority or Focus school.

In an effort to close gaps in student achievement and accelerate achievement, Vicksburg High School is in the process of identifying priority standards in all courses and developing a system of assessments to insure ALL students reach proficiency on those standards. We are committed to the school improvement process in order to meet our vision of ALL students reaching college and career readiness.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

- Students are assigned to Vicksburg High School based on the geographic boundaries of our district.

Keevin O'Neill-Principal Adam Brush-Assistant Principal

- Vicksburg High School is constantly working towards school improvement goals in all core and elective areas. Goals and progress are reviewed annually to drive instruction and decision making in all content. Vicksburg High School is committed to becoming a high performing professional learning community.
- Copies of core curriculum are available by contacting the main office at 269-321-1100. The Michigan Merit Curriculum, National Common Core Standards, and other curriculum models are used to develop curriculum in the majority of our core courses.
- Class of 2017 SAT: VHS Composite: 1055.6 State: 1000
 VHS College Readiness: 45.3% State: 35%
- Class of 2019 PSAT 10: VHS College Readiness: 44%
- Class of 2020 PSAT 9: VHS College Readiness: 40%
- Vicksburg High School schedules four parent-teacher conferences per year. Over the past two years, approximately 163 parents attended each conference, representing approximately 20.8% of our student population.
- Vicksburg High School was named one of the top 100 high schools in the State of Michigan by U.S. News and World Report.
- Vicksburg High School has been recognized as an Advanced Placement Honor Roll School for the second time in the seven year history of the award.
- Vicksburg High School was named a Michigan 2017 Academic State Champion High School by Bridge Magazine, a publication from The Center of Michigan.
- Vicksburg High School has two Class of 2017 National Merit Scholarship Finalists.
- Vicksburg High School had 57 students dual enroll at a local college or university over the past two years. This number represents about 15.6% of all students eligible to dual enroll.
- Vicksburg High School currently offers 14 Advanced Placement courses. Students can earn college credit based on AP exam results. In addition, Vicksburg High School offers an additional 9 AP courses online through MVU.

- Over 575 students have enrolled in Advanced Placement courses over the past two school years totaling over 1250 enrollments in AP courses. This number represents approximately 63% of all Vicksburg High School students eligible to take AP courses.
- Over the past two school years, Vicksburg High School students have completed approximately 135 dual enrollment courses making them eligible to receive college credit. Over 99% of all Vicksburg High School students who dual enroll earn or are eligible to receive college credit.

We are very proud of our accomplishments and programs at Vicksburg High School and are committed to the process of continuous improvement through sound professional development, analyzing data to inform decision making, and utilizing four year plans to insure students are tracked into appropriate career and college pathways. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or need further assistance with this annual education report. Enjoy your day.

Sincerely,

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