



G.T. Norman Elementary

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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 2014-15 educational progress for the G.T. Norman Elementary 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 DeAnna Goodman, Principal of G.T. Norman Elementary School, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://www.reedcity.k12.mi.us/administration/district_news.htm or by following the direct link <https://goo.gl/0zg2QA>. You may also review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

We are continuously working to improve our curriculum and instruction, to best meet the needs of the students which will have a direct correlation to student achievement. We realize the importance of primary years in a student's education and continue to use a multi-tiered system of supports to identify and provide interventions for students that are not meeting grade level standards.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

G.T. Norman Elementary School assigns all students based on State guidelines for age appropriate placement. We also accept and place students in their respective grade level, if they transfer into the school.

Throughout the school year, we review and update our school improvement plan to better meet the needs of our students, including those who are identified as economically disadvantaged. This special population allows us to qualify as a Title I school, creating more opportunities for success in addressing the needs of students in our community. This process is guided by our involvement in the State's Continuous School Improvement Process. Our school improvement plan can be found on the school's website.



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Parents and students can access the adopted State Common Core Curriculum, by stopping in the front office of our building. Our school has also developed a set of "essential outcomes" for each class identifying foundational concepts and skills that we believe are critical to student success. These brochures are available in the main office.

For the 2014-2015 school year, our students took the M-STEP. In addition to the State assessment, G.T. Norman also uses the DIBELS language and literacy assessment and the Delta math assessment. Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, we started using NWEA as another tool to monitor our student's progress and academic growth. These assessments help us to gauge if our students are at grade level benchmarks and monitor the effectiveness of our interventions. Parents may ask to view our student data on state assessments, in the front office as well.

Parent-Teacher Conferences represent a great opportunity for parents to fully understand the progress of their student, by meeting with their child's teachers. At G.T. Norman Elementary School, the attendance for parent-teacher conferences averages 90% or better for the 690 students, enrolled during the 2014-15 school year and 90% or better for the 698 students during the current school year.

As the principal of G.T. Norman Elementary School, I am very proud of our parents and community for the support they offer the students and staff of our school. It is truly wonderful to watch, as parents and staff work together for the students in our community. We will continue to meet the expectations the state requirements of our school, while focusing on preparing students to be successful for their tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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