



NILES

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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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 2022-23 educational progress for the Niles 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 Mrs. Michelle Asmus for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [Annual Reports - Niles Community Schools](#) or you may review a copy in the main office.

For the 2022-23 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. 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.**

Using the continuous improvement model, Niles Community Schools has been focused on college and career readiness as well as implementing multi-tiered support systems for both behavior and academics.

Niles High School has developed a plan to intentionally use Xello during Seminar sessions to assist students with their educational development plan. All 9th-grade students attend Career Pathways Day at the Berrien RESA. Our College and Career Advisor is fully utilized and assists our CTE Director in an annual College and Career Fair.

Implementation of a positive behavior support system, Tier 1 and 2 SEL curriculum, weekly intervention time, participation in professional learning communities, and increasing student attendance and participation in Study Table all support behavior and academics from a multi-tiered approach.



Student achievement data can be found online at [MI School Data](#). Please search under Niles Senior High School.

MSTEP = % meeting proficiency

Year	State Science	NHS Science	State Social Studies	NHS Social Studies
2020-2021	15.5%	6%	43.7%	35.5%
2021-2022	38%	38.2%	35.9%	39.4%
2022-2023		41.9%		37.1%

Niles High School's Science Department is in the process of reviewing materials for an upcoming curriculum adoption. The Social Studies Department uses M-STEP item analysis data in their Professional Learning Community cycles to ensure students meet standards.

SAT = % meeting benchmark

Year	EBW	Math
NHS 2020-2021	52.4%	19.7%
NHS 2021-2022	53.8%	29.5%
State 2021-2022	52%	30%
NHS 2022-2023	57%	25%
State 2022-2023	25%	30%

Niles High School English and Math departments use the PLC process and common assessment data to ensure students are meeting the expected standards.

Regular Attendance %

2021-2022	45.4%
2022-2023	71.5%

Niles Community Schools uses district-wide attendance expectations. The importance of regular attendance, missing no more than 9 days of school, is communicated with students and parents. Data points are identified throughout the year and used as



benchmarks and celebrations.

Graduation Rate

Baseline 2016	79.79%
Niles High School 2021	96.47%
Niles High School 2023	99.17%

PUPIL ASSIGNMENT

Niles High High School is the only comprehensive high school in Niles Community Schools. All students have been assigned to Niles High School unless they have been assigned or choose to go to one of our alternative programs.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Niles High School is in the 3rd year of MICIP - Michigan's Continuous Improvement Plan.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Niles High School is proud to offer a variety of opportunities for our learners. Niles New Tech, which focuses on Project Based Learning, is an option for incoming freshmen. Career and Technical Education courses offered on campus include: AgriScience and Natural Resources, Allied Health, Automotive Tech, Culinary Arts, Graphic Design and Production, and Professional Health Careers Academy. Our students have access to all CTE courses off-site as well. Advanced Placement classes are available each year. In addition, Niles High School students in grades 11 and 12 are able to dual enroll in local colleges: Southwestern Michigan College and Lake Michigan College. Berrien County 5th Year Early/Middle College (E/MC) is a five-year high school program where students extend their high school experience by one year to earn their high school diploma and one of the following: substantial transferable college credits, technical or career certificate, opportunity to begin a registered apprenticeship, or an associate degree.

ACCESS TO CORE CURRICULUM

As mandated by the State of Michigan, Niles Community Schools has developed a core curriculum at all school levels. Outcomes to be achieved by all students have been defined based on the district's educational mission, student performance objectives, and the Michigan Common Core State Standards for K-12 students. Copies of the core curriculum are available at all buildings and at the district office. In addition to the core curriculum, students must earn elective credits to meet the overall credit requirement. The Class of 2023 was required to have 26 credits to earn a Niles High School diploma. Home School options and alternative education placements are discussed with any student who has a need or desire. Course offerings and scheduling information can be found on the school's website within the Guidance/College Information tab at: [Academics and Guidance - Niles High School](#)



Parent Teacher Conference Data

Year	Fall Involvement Percent	Spring Involvement Percent
2018-2019	26%	16%
2019-2020	22%	60%
2020-2021	22%	35%
2021-2022	23%	56%
2022-2023	27%	55%

Conferences take place in person, virtually, or over the phone.

Additional information for Niles High School:

Total Enrollment

Year	Number of Students
2020-2021	857
2021-2022	816
2022-2023	867

Dual Enrollment

Year	Number of Students	% of Total 11th/12th Enrollment
2020-2021	144	39%
2021-2022	117	35%
2022-2023	103	24%



Number of AP Classes Offered:

Year	Number of AP Classes
2020-2021	7
2021-2022	7
2022-2023	7

AP Classes

Year	Number of Students	% of Total Enrollment
2020-2021	70	8%
2021-2022	98	12%
2022-2023	98	12%

Scores Leading to College Credit

Year	Number of Tests Passed	% of Total Tests Taken
2020-2021	29	29%
2021-2022	52	43%
2022-2023	58	44%



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Niles High School is changing and growing to meet the needs of all learners and options for our students continue to surpass those in our county. We are a safe and diverse learning community, centered on students and student success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Michelle Asmus
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