



# RELEVANT ACADEMY OF EATON COUNTY

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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 Relevant Academy. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Lauren Blakely, Executive Director, for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1> (SEE Q.7 AND Q.8 OF THE 2021-22 AER FAQ DOCUMENT FOR DIRECTIONS>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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 was not given any of these labels.

During this school year, we continue to work on efforts to address student engagement and success, with hopes to meet our graduation rate goal. We have done this by implementing reading intervention classes, hybrid style courses, and more personalized learning pathways for students. By making sure learning is fun, engaging, and relevant we hope to see student success rates increase and in turn, our graduation rates increase.

State law requires that we also report additional information. <TO HAVE THIS LETTER MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENTS, EACH SCHOOL SHOULD PROVIDE A REPORT FOR THE **TWO MOST RECENT YEARS ON THE FOLLOWING:**

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL
  - a. Students at Relevant Academy voluntarily choose to attend our school.
2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
  - a. 2021-2022: Relevant Academy used data and became familiar with a data tracking system that can ensure that they were making data informed decisions on their SIP. This also allowed them to focus on specific sub groups in order to help work towards accomplishing their 35% graduation rate goal.
  - b. 2022-2023: Relevant Academy created in person style courses that engage students in their learning. Relevant Academy also created reading intervention courses, utilizing the Read180 program, for students who scored below grade level on their NWEA. These



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initiatives were implemented in hopes to continue to work towards meeting our 35% graduation rate goal.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL
  - a. Relevant Academy is and has been a non-traditional learning center that focuses on providing a safe, productive, and relevant learning environment for its students. Relevant Academy caters to many students. These students include those that are often credit deficient, looking to still earn their diploma, students who are seeking a small school size, students who are seeking a more flexible course load and schedule, as well as students who are looking for a more self-paced curriculum.
4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL
  - a. A copy of the Academy's curriculum can be accessed on site at the Academy's main office. The curriculum is delivered via an individualized model with student's meeting a weekly percentage to meet graduation goals. All students must meet the Michigan Merit Core Curriculum as required by the State of Michigan.
5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS
  - a. All NWEA testing results can be requested by contacting the main office at 517-925-5450.
6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
  - a. 2021-2022: Due to inability of face to face parent teacher conferences(due to gathering limitations with Covid), 100% of parents were contacted with options to discuss student academic progress.
  - b. 2022-2023: In the fall 62% of our families participated in fall conferences and 70% of our families participated in winter conferences. Due to our non-traditional student population 100% of the parents are contacted on a weekly basis.
7. FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, ONLY ALSO REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:
  - a. Relevant Academy does not currently offer Dual Enrollment
  - b. Relevant Academy does not currently offer AP/IB courses
  - c. Currently 2% of Relevant Academy students are participating in CTE programs that allow students to earn college credit.

This year the staff has worked diligently to adjust to the changes made in order to provide the most conducive learning environment for the students. We are excited at the progress the students have already begun to make. We are always grateful for the staff, students, and community that exist to make Relevant Academy possible.

Sincerely,

*Lauren Blakely*

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Executive Director