

Gibraltar School District

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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 2016-17 educational progress for the Lakeshore Virtual 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 Mr. Derek Bezeau for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.gibdist.net/about/district-notices-and-reports/annual-reports>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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.

The Lakeshore Virtual School was established in the 2016-2017 school year. In our first year of operation we had some challenges with students getting adjusted to learning online. After reflecting on our first year, we have been committed to adding content that can be tailored to fit different students' needs. We have added new curriculum providers and approaches to modify and adjust content. Additionally, we have worked to find new ways to support students. This has led to us hiring certified staff, offering evening campus hours, and adding Google Hangouts to connect remotely, which gives students more opportunities for 1-on-1 assistance.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students in the Gibraltar School District are assigned to the school in their neighborhood, with bussing provided as needed. Opportunities for intra-district and inter-district School of Choice are also available.
2. Lakeshore is committed to improving. In regards to our school improvement plan, we have added many additional resources to support and enhance student learning. This year, we have added certified teachers in all content areas who are available to students each school day. Additionally, we have added opportunities for students to enroll in the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium (DCTC) which allows them to learn skilled trades on-site.
3. Lakeshore Virtual School serves Kindergarten through 12th grade students.
4. A copy of the standards in which our curriculum is based on can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. It is implemented by the district administrators and curriculum director

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with the help of subject curriculum committees, and the district school improvement team. The district is in process of developing an online portal to store and share our curriculum documents.

5. Using data gathered from the M-STEP state assessment, 20% of Lakeshore students were considered proficient or advanced across all grades and subjects.
6. Official parent-teacher conferences are held after the first quarter of the year. However, Lakeshore personnel consistently connects with parents and guardians throughout the year to keep them aware of student performance. All parents are given options on how to receive information regarding their child's performance. Parents can choose to receive emails daily or weekly, have information to log in to their child's learning platform to see their progress, and receive text or calls from their child's mentor. Parents always have the ability to schedule face-to-face meetings whenever they see fit.
7. Lakeshore Virtual School is committed to offering more postsecondary options for students. During the 2016-2017 school year, there was 1 student enrolled in postsecondary courses. However, Lakeshore had 11 courses that were available for AP credit.

The Lakeshore Virtual School prides itself on being an online school with a community feel. We are consistently creating opportunities for students to learn and socialize in different ways. We are proud of all the positive remarks we have received from students and parents who have chosen to enroll with us. We are creating a more personalized online opportunity that was not available in the area.

Sincerely,

Derek Bezeau, Director