

Rainbow Elementary 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 2015-2016 educational progress for the Rainbow 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 Mrs. Cara Cottrell, principal, for assistance. The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.seatwaitingforyou.com/rainbow-elementary.

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. Our school does not fall within any of these definitions.

We will continue initiatives we have in place including the continued implementation of the Common Core curriculum, Multi Tiered System of Support, Leveled Literacy Intervention Program, use of the Everyday Math program, participation in the MobyMax tutoring program, the continuation of our Positive Behavior Support Program and developing a true culture of achievement for our students, parents and staff.

We are pleased to announce we were awarded continuing AdvancED accreditation in December of 2014. This year we will continue the five year improvement cycle. We are implementing goals for reading, writing and math.

Our school implements the common core curriculum adopted by the state of Michigan with a description located on the back of student report cards. Access to a copy of the core curriculum is also available from the principal, teachers or at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

Students are assigned to our school based on district residency and through Schools of Choice applications and approval. Aggregate student achievement results for Rainbow students for the 2015-2016 M-STEP assessments can be located at www.mischooldata.org.

Our parents continue to support their children and the school by attending parent teacher conferences with an average attendance at conferences of 80% over the last two years.

As the principal of Rainbow Elementary School I am looking forward to continued collaborative efforts to further increase our scores in the 2016-2017 school year. I am honored to be a part of this improvement process and excited to work with the students, staff, and community that embrace Rainbow Elementary.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cara Cottrell, Principal