

District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for Tri County Area Schools and our schools. 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 Superintendent Ryan Biller for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <http://www.tricountyschools.com>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

School Accountability Data

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

Educator Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate, and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2024-25 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 2023-24. 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, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Tri County High School	No Label Given	N/A
Tri County Middle School	No Label Given	N/A
Tri County Elementary	No Label Given	N/A

At Tri County Area Schools, we remain dedicated to upholding our core values of Tradition, Character, Achievement, and Success. We take pride in serving our students and community by fostering a challenging and engaging educational environment that thrives within a supportive atmosphere. Guided by our shared vision to *Educate, Encourage, and Empower*, we are committed to helping every student reach their full potential.

Our school community continuously strives to improve literacy and math instruction through training in best practices and researched strategies, while also focusing on increasing student voice and participation in the classroom. Across the district, we have adopted Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at all levels to analyze data and ensure high-quality teaching and learning.

This unwavering dedication to excellence assures me that our students and staff will press forward in pursuing ambitious goals. As we aim for continuous improvement, we celebrate student achievements and provide support to those who may face challenges along the way.

We invite parents and community members to join us in this journey—your involvement makes a difference! Together, we can help our students *Set Sail* toward a bright future. WE ARE TC!

Sincerely,
Ryan Biller
Superintendent