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River Rouge High School

Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

January 6, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2025-26 educational progress for the River Rouge 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 the School Principal, Dr. Roderick Wallace for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website www.riverrougeschools.org, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-26 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 group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group 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%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, 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.

Our school was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement School.



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River Rouge High School is developing robust systems and protocols to accelerate learning. With the adoption of new curriculum and instructional frameworks, our faculty and staff have a clear vision for teaching and learning that meets the needs of all students. We are confident that this enhanced instructional infrastructure will lead to significant improvements in academic achievement.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

Pupil Assignment

River Rouge High School is the sole high school in the River Rouge School District, serving students in grades 9 through 12. Students who successfully complete our middle school programs at River Rouge STEM Academy and at Sabbath Middle School are then assigned to River Rouge High School. As a school of choice, RRHS is also open to any student who wishes to attend. The majority of our students come from surrounding Metro Detroit areas and are provided with bus transportation to and from school each day.

Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan

River Rouge High School has established new goals as outlined in our partnership agreement and school improvement plan, which can be found in MICIP. This plan is a dynamic, living document that requires stakeholders to regularly review academic performance, perceptions, and attendance data to identify gaps and set goals aimed at closing those gaps, ensuring that students reach their full potential. Adjustments are made after evaluating programs and processes, with data collected and analyzed to assess their effectiveness. When goals are achieved, new objectives are set, and the cycle of continuous improvement continues.

Specialized Program

Beyond our rigorous academic program, River Rouge High School also provides a range of additional opportunities, including:

- Multilingual Learning Support
- Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence
- META 24 Programming
- One of the state's only Marine Junior ROTC programs
- Performing Arts that include Dance and Design courses
- Robust sports programs (Basketball, Cheer, Football, Wrestling, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Soccer, etc.)
- CTE: Culinary Arts



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For the 2025-26 school year, River Rouge High School provides academic support for struggling students while providing challenging opportunities for our high-achieving students.

These opportunities include after-school tutoring programs, Honors classes, credit recovery programs, dual enrollment partnerships with local universities, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, ensuring that all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Core Curriculum

Staff utilize the College Readiness Standards aligned with Common Core State Initiative Standards to design instructional content. Staff has been trained to ensure that Common Core Standards are being taught. Lesson plans are examined by administration to ensure alignment with curriculum standards. Teachers are also utilizing the standards in their classroom through the implementation of learning targets, performance tasks, and identified success criteria.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results

The aggregate data can be viewed from the Annual Education Report by clicking the following website link: [MI School Data - Annual Education Report](#)

This fall to spring chart illustrates student data from the **Northwest Evaluation Assessments/Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA Testing/MAP)** which is a Nationally Normed Achievement Test.

Math - % Met Projected Growth	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
9 th Grade	48	60	46.5
10 th Grade	60	62	66.5
11 th Grade	44	61	53.5
12 th Grade	N.A.	NA	NA
Building	50.67	61	57

Reading - % Met Projected Growth	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
9 th Grade	18	35	60
10 th Grade	54	67	62.5
11 th Grade	23	58	61
12 th Grade	N.A.	NA	NA
Building	31.67	53.29	61.3



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Parent Teacher Conferences

River Rouge High School values its strong partnership with parents and is committed to keeping both parents and the community informed and engaged. We understand that creating a supportive network around students enhances their learning experience. To facilitate communication, we offer parent-teacher conferences in various formats, including virtual meetings, in-person conferences, telephone conferences, and flexible meeting dates. Over the past three years, our participation in parent-teacher conferences has steadily increased.

This chart identifies the percent of students represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences.

School Year	Total Number of Students Enrolled	Percent of Parents Attending Conferences
2021-2022	1062	40%
2022-2023	952	45%
2023-2024	870	46%
2024-2025	987	51%

High School Reporting Outcomes

- a. THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENTS (DUAL ENROLLMENT) – 85 students, 38% of senior class
- b. THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES OFFERED (AP/IB) – 1
- c. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES (AP/IB) – 23, 10%
- d. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT> - 19, 8%

The staff at River Rouge High School is dedicated to cultivating a data-driven culture that drives academic success. By focusing on clear academic goals, implementing targeted interventions, and consistently analyzing and leveraging data, we aim to create an environment that not only supports but accelerates each student's journey toward reaching their full potential. Celebrating achievements, fostering collaboration, and keeping our stakeholders informed are essential elements of our approach. Through this collective effort, we strive not only for academic progress but also for the lasting success and fulfillment of every student who enters our school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roderick Wallace