



Kalkaska Public Schools

*Kalkaska High 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 2018-19 educational progress for the Kalkaska 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 Charles Sorentino for assistance.

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

The state of Michigan School Index School Overview shows how seven school index components are combined to get a final overall index. For each component, its "Index Value" is multiplied by its "Percent Weight" to get its "Weighted Index". Then component "Weighted Index" values (out of 100) are summed to get the "Overall School Level Index". By default, this report displays how components are combined to the building overall all or a desired student group.

Kalkaska High School received an Overall Index score of 79.14 with index component scores of 77.01 in Growth, Graduation Rate Index 91.97, School Quality and Student Success Index 75.51, Proficiency Index 78.96 and Assessment Participation Index of 100. No Support Category and English Learner Progress Index categories were reported. Kalkaska High school outperformed on average similar schools by student characteristics on in terms of percent of students proficient in all subjects, making progress towards proficiency or increasing their proficiency in all subjects on the state tests, assessment participation, and percent of students who have on-track attendance. KHS was nearly equal to others in the percent who graduated in 4 years. KHS was outperformed using the previous criteria in percent of students who enrolled in college after high school, percent of students in grades 11 and 12 enrolling and passing in advanced coursework and the percent graduating from high school in four years.

KHS student's total proficiency score on the SAT was 31% vs the state average of 34%. Kalkaska Social Studies proficiency on the MStep was 43% vs the state average of 47%. PSAT 10 results indicated near equal the state average in total proficiency score with proficiency levels surpassing the state mean in the Math portion of the test. The Kalkaska High School students surpassed the state average proficiency level on the PSAT 9 total score and again surpassing the state mean in the Math portion of the assessment.

Key challenges at Kalkaska High School include the subject areas of Math and ELA. To address these issues, we have employed new curriculum, CPM in Math and My Perspectives in ELA from the 6th to 12 grades. Both curriculums employ preparation for the PSAT and SAT tests used by the state of Michigan for evaluative purposes. All teachers in these two discipline receive ongoing training in the use of this curriculum. We have also created and employed an intervention program that identifies students with significant deficits in mastery of necessary standards outlined in the Common Core State Standards. Homework labs are available on a daily basis after school in both Math and ELA. Previous use of these labs had been hindered by a lack of late transportation. To address this issue, an innovative cooperation with local public transportation has been created to supply door to door service for students who take advantage of the late tutoring. Additionally, peer tutoring is available to students during their lunch period.

State Law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Kalkaska High School provides education to approximately 445 students in grades 9-12 for Kalkaska Public Schools. Our district in Northwestern Lower Michigan covers 440 square miles in Kalkaska County and includes over 1600 students.
2. Kalkaska High Schools is accredited by AdvancEd. Each year our District School Improvement Committee reviews student achievement, goals and strategies. The Building School Improvement Committee reviews the AdvanceEd Self-assessment and School Improvement Plan, along with student achievement data, goals, and strategies. Accreditation documents are located on the district website.
3. Ninth through twelfth grade students in our district attend Kalkaska High School. As juniors and seniors, some students attend the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District (TBAISD) Career Tech Center. This past year over 75 students attended the vocational school. We also have an alternative school located in the high school that provides education to non-traditional high school students from our area. TBAISD also provides special education services/programs to area districts.
4. KHS follows the Michigan Common Core State Standards and the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements for graduation. Curriculum maps for courses are located on the district's website.
5. Michigan Merit Exam results and M-Step results are included in the Annual Report. KHS ninth and tenth graders take the PSAT test while the 11th graders take both the PSAT and the SAT. KHS student's total proficiency score on the SAT was 31% vs the state average of 34%. Kalkaska Social Studies proficiency on the MStep was 43% vs the state average of 47%. PSAT 10 results indicated near equal the state average in total proficiency score with proficiency levels surpassing the state mean in the Math portion of the test. The Kalkaska High School students surpassed the state average proficiency level on the PSAT 9 total score and again surpassing the state mean in the Math portion of the assessment. A complete detailed summary of results can be located on the district website.

7. 79% of our students were represented by a parent or guardian during the fall parent conferences and 39% of students were represented in the spring conference.
- a) 10 students were dual enrolled at Northwestern Michigan College. 1 of which is early college and 9 that are traditional dual-enrolled.
 - b) 61 students took Advanced Placement tests. 97 was the total number of tests taken.
 - c) 34 seniors (56%), 11 juniors (18%), 16 sophomores (19%) were enrolled in AP classes.
 - d) 11 seniors (32%) of the students who took AP classes received college credit. 5 juniors (45%) and 2 sophomores (13%) who took AP classes received college credit.

Our vision states, “Kalkaska Public Schools will be a model of excellence in education and a source of community pride.” We are pleased with our results but remain committed to becoming the best school in our intermediate school district.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Sorentino Jr., Principal
Kalkaska High School.