

Focus Schools and Reward Schools

Where did it come from
and
What do we know?



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What is a Focus School?

- Top 10% of Michigan Schools having the widest gap in student achievement between their lowest and highest performing students.
- Focus schools are located all along the Top-to-Bottom rankings from the 5th percentile and the 99th percentile
- Focus schools have in common:
 - Students performing at the bottom 30% within the school are performing at a level significantly below the top 30%



GPPSS Identified Focus Schools

School	AYP Status	Ed Yes! Grade	Overall Percentile Rank*
Defer Elementary	Met AYP	B	77
Ferry Elementary	Met AYP	B	74
Trombly Elem.	Met AYP	A	95
Parcells MS	Met AYP	C	69
Pierce MS	Met AYP	B	82

*** The Overall School Percentile rank is not a percentage of performance. If the school has an Overall School Percentile Rank of 77, it means the school performed better than 77% of Michigan schools.**



Points of Interest re: Focus Schools

- Scores on MEAP, MME, MI-Access, MEAP-Access for individual students in every subject at every grade were compared to their respective state average. The difference between each student's score and the average is referred to as the ***standardized scale score***.
- These ***standardized scale scores*** for each student were ranked within the school and the top 30% of students and the bottom 30% of students within each school were identified based on this ranking.



Points of Interest re: Focus Schools

- This difference or gap between the top 30% and bottom 30% for each school was calculated.
- *The top 10% of schools in the state (about 350) with the largest gap became the Focus Schools.*



Our Focus:

- Continue to provide resources to students performing at ALL levels and align the instructional practices to the needs of the students in GPPSS.
- Identify areas where achievement gap performances exist and identify instructional strategies and support systems to improve the performance of student that are not achieving at a higher level.



Our Focus:

- Review, analyze, and implement programs and services that align with the common core standards and instructional methods that facilitate a depth of learning and understanding of concepts.
- Continue to identify shared instructional intervention strategies through Professional Learning Communities and to review specific individual student performance for ALL students in GPPSS.



Our Focus:

- Recognize that this metric is based on an assessment that was given at one moment in time per grade and per subject.
- Therefore, we need to continue to look at multiple measures of performance to truly understand the unique learning profile for each student in order to align the most helpful academic program for each and every student.



What is a Reward School?

Schools recognized as being in the top 5% of the state per student performance where there is not an identified data-based achievement gap.



GPPSS Identified Reward Schools

School	AYP Status	Ed Yes! Grade	Overall Percentile Rank*
Kerby Elementary	Met AYP	A	98
Maire Elementary	Met AYP	A	98
Monteith Elem	Met AYP	A	94
Richard Elem	Met AYP	A	99
Brownell MS	Met AYP	A	99

*** The Overall School Percentile rank is not a percentage of performance. If the school has an Overall School Percentile Rank of 94, it means the school performed better than 94% of Michigan schools.**



What about the other
schools in GPPSS?

Four schools were not on the list
meaning that they met State
expectations for student
achievement, growth, and gap
analysis



Additional Schools in GPPSS

School	AYP Status	Ed Yes! Grade	Overall Percentile Rank*
Mason Elem	Met AYP	A	88
Poupard Elem	Met AYP	C	37
North HS	Met AYP	C	82
South HS	Met AYP	B	90

*** The Overall School Percentile rank is not a percentage of performance. If the school has an Overall School Percentile Rank of 88 it means the school performed better than 88% of Michigan schools.**