

# Waverly Middle 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 2009-2010 educational progress for Waverly Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Waverly Middle School's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Dorothy Blackwell, Waverly Community Schools Director of Curriculum, for assistance.

The AER is available to you for review electronically by visiting the following website: <http://web.waverly.k12.mi.us> and visiting the Waverly Middle School home page or you may review a copy from the main office.

Waverly Middle School students are drawn from our identified boundary area of the Waverly Community School District. We also accept students through tuition, and School of Choice if they had started in the Waverly District before 7<sup>th</sup> grade level.

To read our most recent School Improvement report, please visit this website: ([http://web.waverly.k12.mi.us/School\\_Improvement.htm](http://web.waverly.k12.mi.us/School_Improvement.htm)). Our plan consists of 3 goals; reading, writing, and mathematics. These goals are worked on throughout the school year and reviewed and revised annually. Our Parent/Teacher Council (akin to a PTO) is given updates on our progress several times during the school year. We also have a parent on our School Improvement team. For both 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years Waverly Middle School has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English/Language Arts and mathematics. Our school grade received a "B" during that time on the state report card. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are constantly working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff, and community in our endeavor.

Our school improvement efforts are ongoing and are adjusted regularly to comply with the Strategic Plan and district wide NCA Accreditation goals. We focus on specific strategies that will help each of our students achieve success in math, reading, and writing curriculum. The results of the M.E.A.P. tests indicate that Waverly Middle School students are very near the state average in all areas. We have a strong emphasis on the district's character clusters of care, honesty, responsibility, and respect.

The Waverly Middle School team is a caring, dynamic community of educators who joyfully celebrate teaching and learning. We have approximately 500 students housing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. All learners feel protected, safe, respected, understood, valued, and loved. We support everyone with dignity and care, and stress the unique worth of each individual and the acceptance and appreciation of differences. We emphasize cooperation, building good character, and a commitment toward the larger community.

There are many extra-curricular opportunities for Waverly Middle School students. We have band, choir and orchestra that students are able to participate in throughout the school year. In addition, after school activities include Chamber Choir and Jazz Band. Students are also offered athletic opportunities as we have Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Boys Wrestling, and Girls and Boys Track and Field. Students are also actively involved in the school community by participating in Student Council, and we had over 150 students qualify for the National Junior Honor Society.

At Waverly Middle School, everyone is a teacher and everyone is a learner. We build on the strengths of every individual by using a variety of teaching methods and styles. We encourage everyone to develop and explore their talents and abilities to their fullest potential. We are committed to helping each learner develop thinking processes and lifelong learning skills. We work with each other in flexible, changing groupings that encourage new and different insights, while maintaining a high degree of continuity and care.

We provide an integrated curriculum, which meets the developmental needs of all students. Basic skills are tied to personal learning needs and goals are made meaningful through integrated instruction. We balance independent thinking and self-evaluation, with sensitivity to the needs of self and others. We nurture our minds, bodies, and creative spirits through active, purposeful exploration of the sciences, literature, problem-solving and computational skills, communication skills, creative arts, physical skills, and the use of technology.

Approximately 60% of our parents attend parent teacher conferences each year. We welcome parent volunteers both during the day and after school for activities. We also have a very active Parent/Teacher Council. This parent organization sponsors our field trips, many evening family events, and many activities designed to support our students and parents throughout the school year. Every child that walks through the doors of Waverly Middle School is supported to reach their personal best. We are very proud of our school!

Waverly Middle School's grade level curriculum is based on the state's Core Curriculum and Grade Level Content Expectations. You may access this curriculum at the curriculum and instruction link at <http://web.waverly.k12.mi.us/CurriculumandInstruction.htm>. Each teacher in our

district worked together to write a common curriculum guide which gives consistency to the delivery of our curriculum.

During the 2009-2010 school year, Waverly Middle School participated in Response to Intervention (RtI) training through Ingham ISD. We will continue this effort in the coming school year. We began using the AIMSweb program, which will provide us with data in both literacy and math. The program will also give us a tool to track student progress, interventions and their response to those interventions.

All student achievement data can be found at the following link:

<http://aer.data4ss.org/>

At Waverly Middle School, all students will receive a quality education rooted in excellence. The staff and administration believe in each student's intrinsic worth and care about each individual student.

I would like to congratulate and thank our students, staff and parents for their continued hard work and support of our efforts.

Educationally Yours,

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