



WINANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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2014-2015 School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2014-2015 educational progress for Winans Elementary 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 Helene McNeilly, principal at Winans Elementary, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/ewbeWO> or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

Winans elementary students are drawn from our identified boundary area within the Waverly Community Schools. We also accept school of choice students who are assigned to Winans based on the available space in each grade level. To read our most recent School Improvement Report, please visit our district website: <http://winanselementary.net>.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus, or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with similar student population. A focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. While Winans has in the past been a Focus, then a Rewards school, we have not currently been given one of these labels.

Our School Improvement goals are reviewed and refined annually. Winans' 2014-2015 current School Improvement Plan includes a reading goal, a math goal, and a behavior goal. Details regarding the implementation of these goals are presented throughout the year at our Parent Teacher Organization meetings.

Winans serves approximately 425 first through fourth grade students for Waverly Community Schools. We are located on Michigan Avenue, just west of Waverly High School. We welcome our students as members of a diverse community of learners. We emphasize cooperation, building good character, a love of learning, and respect for all in a nurturing environment. Our integrated curriculum meets the developmental needs of each student, providing a quality education rooted in excellence.

We are very proud to report that we average 94% of our parents who attend parent teacher conference each year. We welcome parent volunteers both during the day and after school for activities. Parents who are interested in volunteering must complete the proper paperwork. We have a very active Parent Teacher Organization. This parent organization sponsors our field trips, book fairs, special student events, as well as taking an active role in after school events such as Open House and Family Picnic nights.

The curriculum that we use at Winans is Common Core for math and language arts and Michigan State Objectives for science and social studies. These documents may be viewed on our district website.

Our most recent M Step state scores are:

3rd grade: ELA - 71% proficient MATH – 56% proficient

4th grade: ELA – 51% proficient MATH – 40% proficient SCI – 10% proficient

In partnership with families and with our community, the entire staff at Winans is committed to assisting each student in achieving her or his academic best. I would like to congratulate our students, staff, and families for their continued hard work and support. Winans continues to be a great place to learn.

Sincerely,

Helene McNeilly

Principal, Winans