

Bronson Community Schools

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Dedication to Excellence – Preparation for Life

Ryan Elementary 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 2015-16 educational progress for Ryan 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 Mark Heifner for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Ryan AER](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Ryan Elementary has several challenges. The school has a number of students that struggle with reading skills that are necessary for both current and future educational success. The school will continue using a Response to Instruction model to close achievement gaps and promote learning in all students. Academically, the school has had more success in Math than in other subjects. A new Title 1 model was implemented in the fall of 2013 with certified ELA and Math teachers that assist struggling learners. The school will continue using a multi-tiered support system for students that are not meeting grade level benchmarks.

State law requires that we also report additional information, as follows, for the two most recent years:

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Anderson Elementary
335 E. Corey St.
517-369-3234

Ryan Elementary
461 Rudd St.
517-369-3254

Bronson Jr/Sr. High School
450 E. Grant St.
517-369-3230

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

For Bronson Community Schools, there are three K-12 buildings. Students in grades K-2 are assigned to Anderson Elementary. Students in grades 3-5 are assigned to Ryan Elementary and students in grades 6-12 are assigned to the Bronson Jr/Sr High School building.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Annually, the school improvement plan is updated to reflect any changes, with a vision of where we need to be. With the change to a new assessment system, our district is updating school improvement plans to incorporate the increased rigor expectations, with a goal to be above the state averages in all content areas 4 years from now.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

This is Not Applicable (NA) for our district, as explained in question 1.

4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE’S MODEL

The district has a curriculum warehouse called Curriculum Crafter where the district curriculum is housed. The state has a set of K-12 expectations that outline the knowledge and skills students need in English language arts and math and, in 2015-2016, science standards were approved as well. Social studies are in development for Michigan. As state standards are updated and approved, districts work to update curriculum standards at the local level, including the development of a scope and sequence, lessons, and local assessments to measure progress. After these updates are vetted and approved at a district level, the curriculum maps are updated to reflect changes. The MAISA Common Core Units found on the Michigan Common Core Resources website, provides a model curriculum. Our standard targets align with the embedded curriculum standards, with variance on lesson presentation and instructional practices.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Reading Grade Level	2015 National Norm Score	2013 Spring Score	2014 Spring Score	2015 Spring Score	2016 Spring Score
3 rd Grade	198.6	199.8	199.3	196.9	198.0
4 th Grade	205.9	207.2	205.4	203.8	206.1
5 th Grade	211.8	211.6	212.5	211.4	208.2
Math Grade Level	2015 National Norm Score	2013 Spring Score	2014 Spring Score	2015 Spring Score	2016 Spring Score
3 rd Grade	203.4	209.1	204.4	204.0	204.8
4 th Grade	213.5	218.6	217.9	213.9	216.7
5 th Grade	221.4	225.3	225.1	225.5	219.7

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6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Ryan Elementary has 259 students enrolled in grades 3-5. We were able to have 96% of our students presented by parents at parent-teacher conferences.

All of the educators are highly qualified in the core subject areas of instruction at Ryan Elementary. All paraprofessionals also meet criteria for Title I services. I want to take this opportunity to thank the students, educators, parents, school board members, and the Bronson community that help make our school a successful learning institution. If it were not for the cooperation of everyone, we would not meet our current and future school goals.

Please look for additional information at our website <http://bronsonschools.org/> or call us with any questions you may have, 517-369-3254.

Sincerely,

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