

**ISHPEMING HIGH SCHOOL
319 E. DIVISION STREET
ISHPEMING, MI 49849**

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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 2016-17 educational progress for the Ishpeming 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 Principal Seth Hoopingarner for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.ishpemingschools.org, or by clicking on the following link <https://goo.gl/JDxdsm> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2017-18 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 a label.

Ishpeming High School continues to excel academically in core content areas. We continue to work toward improvement in our college readiness with attention given to differentiated instruction through implementation of Marzano's instructional strategies as well as attention to the Danielson model of instruction. Teachers work collaboratively each Monday morning for 45 minutes (students arrive later on Monday mornings – delayed start) initiating interdisciplinary units, grade-level discussions, content-based discussions as well as other initiatives and plans. The ongoing discussion and implementation of Randy Sprick's Safe and Civil Schools is a priority as well. The NWEA testing gives useful longitudinal data to support student growth as well as close gaps. The information gleaned through NWEA is used by teachers working with at-risk students and/or the bottom 30%.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

- All students in grades 9-12 who have attended the Ishpeming Middle School are assigned to the Ishpeming High School. For those students outside the district wishing to attend the Ishpeming High School, Schools of Choice applications may be requested from the Superintendent's Office located at 319 E. Division Street in Ishpeming.
- Ishpeming High School currently has a school improvement plan in place that is reviewed and updated annually by a committee of teachers, support staff, students, parents, community members, a school board member, and administration.
- There are no specialized schools within the Ishpeming School District.
- Copies of the curriculum can be acquired through the High School or Superintendent's Offices. Ishpeming High School is in compliance with implementing curriculum as directed by the state.
- During the 2016-17 school year, Ishpeming High School students scored well above the state average on the SAT in math (IHS – 508, state – 499) and reading (IHS – 512, state – 480). We also scored very well on the 11th grade M-Step in science (IHS – 45%, state – 34%) and social studies (IHS – 52%, state – 46%).
- 90 students (37%) had parents attend parent teacher conferences.
 - a. During the 2016-17 school year, Ishpeming High School had 38 students taking advantage of the opportunity to dual enroll through Northern Michigan University.
 - b. Ishpeming High School offers English 111 and Pre-Calculus for NMU credit in our building with our instructor's for seniors.

We are extremely proud of the academic accomplishments of Ishpeming High School students. As is common in all areas including academics, the arts, and athletics, IHS students go above and beyond in committing to excellence. This can't be accomplished without commitment from parents, teachers and support staff standing alongside our students. We are proud of the 109 years of NCA accreditation which is no small feat. The sense of family is strong in the Hematite Nation!! Congratulations Hematites!

Sincerely,

Seth Hoopingarner, Principal