



McBain Rural Agricultural School
107 East Maple Street
McBain, MI 49657

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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 2019-20 educational progress for McBain 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 Mr. Ryan Biller, high school principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/3d1gLLk>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. McBain High School has not been given one of these labels.

Amidst a pandemic, our staff recognizes that education during this time is a challenge to say the least. Much of our combined report has elements missing, like student achievement data. The reason is due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our State not testing students. Our efforts will continue to give a high quality education to all students, by developing methods of instruction for a healthy and safe learning environment. Our staff has researched and modified how we teach and deliver instruction for if we need to move to remote learning. We have looked at ways to increase communication home to parents/guardians from the classroom teacher. We have also enhanced our technology and prepared students for a seamless transition to virtual learning options should remote learning be our safest option to deliver direct instruction. Our technology department has strengthened our electronic learning management system and has planned to roll out staff/student support. Our school continues to extend the day for students to before and after school in our Academic Center. We are giving the opportunity for students to get extra time with tutoring support and also providing the time for students to work on credit recovery programs to earn back credit. We will continue to look for ways to support students of trauma, as we look to have professional development focused



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on this research. Earlier intervention for students at-risk of not graduating has been planned for students with our counselor. We will continue to seek out researched best-practices for teaching and learning during this most difficult time for students.

All resident grade 9-12 McBain students are assigned to McBain High School based upon guidelines set forth by the Board of Education. We are housed in a K-12 building complex and all students are assigned appropriately from the close communication of our teachers, counselors, & administrative team. The district also participates in a School of Choice Agreement with the local schools within the Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District. McBain High School is a fully comprehensive public high school servicing all students and does not have any specialized schools.

Our High School currently has a School Improvement Plan that has been created using Advance Ed criteria approved by the Michigan Department of Education. McBain High School staff have used school achievement scores and individual student assessment data to develop improvement goals. These goals include a focus on data analysis, staff development, and changes to instructional delivery. A copy of the current School Improvement Plan is available in the main office of the school if you would like to review. We are currently making the transition to the new Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process. This process will shift our thinking to be a district-wide effort for school improvement with intentional selection of goal(s) that support our overall district direction for improvement. We will be dependent on data and ways to collect data to drive our efforts.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum is the driving force in determining graduation requirements. The McBain Board of Education also establishes additional curriculum requirements for all graduating seniors. Our curriculum is based on National Common Core Standards (CCSS) and State Standards set by the Michigan Department of Education. For more information on McBain High School core curriculum, please go to McBain Rural Agricultural Schools website at www.mcbain.org under the high school tab to review our curriculum guide. Students and parents may also obtain a physical copy of the curriculum from the High School office. If you would like to review the Michigan Merit Curriculum, please go to <https://bit.ly/2U23132> for the Michigan Merit Curriculum/Graduation Requirements.

There was no achievement testing for the 2019-2020 school year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



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The success of our high school depends greatly on the support of families, staff, and our community. Last year, we had a 20% participation rate for our Fall parent teacher conferences. We encourage our families and the community to become involved in their students' education by regularly communicating with teachers and becoming active members in our organizations and boosters.

At McBain High School, we believe strongly in providing post-secondary courses and options for online learning to our students. These offerings include Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement and online courses. You may view our 2018-19 school year data at <https://bit.ly/3beuV6s> website.

As principal, I am proud of the work being done by our school community. We are passionate in helping our students find success and believe in their ability to achieve. Thank you for your continued support as we work every day to support our students.

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Biller

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