



# White Pine Academy

A School of Excellence

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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 the White Pine Academy. 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. Numinen for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.whitepineacademy.com](http://www.whitepineacademy.com), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

White Pine Academy has a student achievement gap between the top 30% of highest achieving students and the bottom 30% of lowest achieving students across the tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies, and writing; as appropriate for the school grade levels tested). We continue to vigilantly work to address these student deficits by providing more intense individualized instruction to these students in the areas where there is a deficit. We have also improved our process for progress monitoring our students in order to intervene sooner and close these gaps

State law requires that we also report additional information. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

White Pine Academy students come from throughout the Mid-Michigan Area. As a Public School Academy, we are a school-of-choice building with open enrollment year round.

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

The School Improvement Team has written a comprehensive school improvement plan focused on raising student achievement in reading, writing, and math. The team analyzes data in each of these content areas and develops a strategic plan for accomplishing these goals.

2. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

White Pine Academy is authorized by Saginaw Valley State University and opened in 1999. White Pine Academy serves grades Preschool through Eighth. White Pine Academy is located at 510 Russell Street in Leslie, Michigan.

White Pine Academy will prepare students for the global 21<sup>st</sup> century by promoting excellence in academics and healthy character growth and development.

3. 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

Copies of the core curriculum are available through the Principal's office. In addition, the curriculum can be viewed at [www.engageny.org](http://www.engageny.org) as well as the SVSU School University Partnership Office website at: <http://www.svsu.edu/supo/curriculum-instruction-assessment.html>.

4. The curriculum is aligned to the Michigan Department of Education Grade Level Content Expectations and the National Common Core Curriculum Framework. This is followed at each grade level.

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

White Pine Academy Students continue to score at or above the State Average on the MEAP test as well as the new M-Step that was taken last year. You can see these results by contacting Mr. Numinen to review them at the school or by going to [www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org)

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

During the 2015-16 school year White Pine Academy served 74 students. The percentage of parents representing these students at conferences was 90%.

White Pine Academy is committed to staying true to our Mission Statement of preparing our students for the global 21<sup>st</sup> century by promoting excellence in academics, and healthy character growth and development. Our dedicated staff remains committed to this mission and will continue to strive to make sure all students are able reach their maximum potential. White Pine Academy will continue to be a "School of Excellence".

Sincerely,



Mark Raczowski  
Principal