



LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

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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 2024-25 educational progress for Lighthouse Academy Muskegon Community. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about accountability, student assessment, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent of Residential and JJ schools, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <https://bit.ly/4pd2DqB> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-26 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Lighthouse Muskegon Community Building has faced multiple challenges since the start of the school year as the program continues to serve students who are enrolled due to long-term suspension, expulsion or are court referred. The students who are attending the Lighthouse Muskegon Community program also usually come with heavy trauma from their past, which makes for another barrier in regards to breakthroughs in learning. Lighthouse Muskegon Community also continues to struggle with funding changes due to ever changing enrollment

numbers which impacts our ability to meet the variety of our students' needs. The average length of enrollment at the Lighthouse Muskegon Community building can be short term due to students transferring from the Community program to the detention facility which has a high impact on our ability to have students take standardized assessments which would help with gauging individual academic needs. The program continues to implement new, best practices, review data, and improve systems at Lighthouse Muskegon Community in order to bridge some of these gaps and help accelerate student achievement. Lighthouse Leadership continues to analyze data and adjust programming as needed, within budgeting cost, to focus on student achievement. Finally, Lighthouse continues to look at the objectives in comparison to state standards in regards to monitoring student progress in the school due to the average enrollment with Lighthouse Muskegon Community program. Best practices are continually looked into as to how to make the greatest impact in the amount of time the Lighthouse Muskegon Community program has to work with the students.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Our enrollment comes from a referral process of Muskegon County area schools for students meeting the enrollment requirements and transfers from the Muskegon County Juvenile Transition Center.
2. At this time our School Improvement plan is in the first year of implementation. The overall plan is on course with overall district goals as we focus on Trauma training, Career and Job skills training program development, as well as MTSS/PBIS program development. Our core goals remain on focusing on having students improve math and reading scores and gain high school credit by offering a holistic educational experience.
3. Lighthouse Muskegon Community school is a school program located 1161 W. Southern Avenue, Muskegon MI 49441. The program is meant to educate youth in Muskegon County, and surrounding areas, in order for them to remain safe and secure until they meet the requirement to return to their home district, if they choose to do so. The school provides full time education for students grades 6-12 at the Muskegon Community building that have been long-term suspended, expelled or court placed as school is a requirement, not an option. Lighthouse Muskegon Community is focused on students meeting objectives which align with state standards as well as puts a serious concentration on credit recovery. Normal Special Education services are also provided as needed and within the guidelines of meeting the regulations of the Muskegon Community program.
4. Our core curriculum meets the minimum state requirements for high school graduation. A copy of our courses is offered in our handbook which is given at enrollment or can be requested at the school office. The annual education

report is also available through our website or a hard copy is in our school office.

5. Lighthouse Muskegon Community School uses standardized testing for students to determine where they are scoring in comparison to the state average. Using data collected from the SAT, M STEP, and WorkKeys tests as well as the NWEA Map tests for students who are coming from or returning to a Lighthouse Academy site. When testing takes place, the data will be periodically reviewed in order to make necessary changes to the program in order to improve student achievement.
6. We hold parent teacher conferences once a trimester or at the request of parent or community partners. Our school is in constant contact with parents, guardians, case workers and court workers, therefore all students participate in a form of parent teacher conferences. In addition, progress reports are sent out to parents, guardians, case workers and P.O. 's on a monthly basis as well as meetings to review individual learning plans which have been specially put together for students.
7. Lighthouse Academy Muskegon Community students reside in homes within the community, therefore, if a student meets the necessary requirements, they could be eligible for dual enrollment. Lighthouse Academy Muskegon Community is a credit recovery institution and does not offer college credit for its high school classes, we also do not offer AP courses as the majority of our students are typically behind in their current coursework.

In conclusion, Lighthouse Academy continues to expand and serve more youth each year. Lighthouse Academy program's focus continues to highlight students that need a non-traditional educational placement. We find that our students who choose to stay with one of the Lighthouse Programs are able to obtain their high school diploma and choose to be productive citizens. The students who Lighthouse Academy serves are truly unique and deserve advocates to come to their aid and provide a quality education. Lighthouse Academy students are capable and able to achieve at the highest level! Let's continue to work hard to help our students achieve their goals!

Sincerely,

Lucas Yax

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Lighthouse Academy