



Pittsfield Acres Academy

GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**REVISED 2023-24 TEMPLATE
(Letter Sent on District's Letterhead)**

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2022-23 educational progress for Pittsfield Acres 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 Crystal Baker for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website
https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-D.3021.118.0

For the 2023-24 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 subgroup in 2022-23. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup 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 or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as: 'HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS'.

Pittsfield Acres Academy stands as a beacon of education in our community, contributing significantly to its enrichment. With a commitment to fostering strong communication, we ensure that parents and guardians are active participants in their child's educational journey. Monthly family engagement opportunities provide a platform for meaningful interaction between educators and families, fostering a collaborative learning environment. Our distinctive Monthly Character Trait Award Ceremonies celebrate the development of essential qualities in our students, emphasizing the importance of character building alongside academic achievement. Small classroom sizes ensure personalized attention, allowing educators to tailor their approach to individual student needs. The engaging K-5 curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, providing a solid foundation for future academic success. In addition to

a comprehensive curriculum, we proudly offer Arabic as a second language, promoting cultural diversity and linguistic proficiency among our students. Pittsfield Acres Academy is not just an educational institution; it's a hub of community development, dedicated to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Pittsfield Acres Academy commenced its operations in the Fall of 2022 and has been in existence for a duration of 16 months. The data presented will be indicative of the period since its opening.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

The Academy allows enrollment for students residing in Michigan, adhering to the specified limits set by the Board of Directors. Students are required to enroll annually. Priority will be given in written form to currently enrolled students and siblings of existing enrollees. In cases where maximum enrollment for a grade is reached, applicants will be placed on a waiting list and admitted through a lottery system.

The Board empowers the Educational Service Provider or School Leader to reject admission for any student with a documented behavioral record deemed a potential threat to the safety and well-being of fellow students and staff.

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

Pittsfield Acres Academy is dedicated to continuous improvement, exemplified by our yearly updated School Improvement Plan. The goals set for the 2023-2024 academic year reflect our commitment to enhancing student outcomes in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. In the ELA Growth Plan, our aim is to elevate the percentage of students meeting Fall to Spring growth goals in reading. Currently at 47%, we aspire to achieve a substantial increase to 80%. This progress will be measured through the 2023 administration of the MAP Growth Assessments.

Similarly, in the realm of mathematics, our goal is to see an improvement in the percentage of students meeting Fall to Spring growth goals. The current rate stands at 88%, and we target an increase to 93%, as measured by the 2023 administration of the MAP Growth Assessment. These objectives underscore our commitment to fostering academic growth and ensuring that our students excel in both ELA and mathematics.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Pittsfield Acres Academy does not operate a specialized school.

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

Our Core Curriculum at Pittsfield Acres Academy aligns with the State of Michigan's model for each subject. Furthermore, Pittsfield Acres Academy has fully embraced the implementation of Common Core Standards. We have integrated a range of online curriculum and intervention programs. These programs include Benchmark Advance, Bridges for Mathematics, Second Step SEL, TCI Science, Savaas: My World Social Studies, Lexia, Dreambox, and Project Lead the

Way. For detailed information on Pittsfield Acres Academy's core curriculum, please visit our website at <https://pittsfieldacres.geeacademies.net/> under the curriculum section.

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

	Fall 2022		Winter 2023		Spring 2023		Fall 2023	
	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA
Kindergarten	135	138.8	145.9	139.1	161	149.7	139.1	132.3
1st Grade	151.2	146.6	170	160.9	178.8	170	150.4	147.7
2nd Grade	166	154	186	169	189	178	163.8	158.7
3rd Grade	179	178.5	192.5	184.8	191.6	188	187.3	181.7
4th Grade	193.3	184	207.5	203.3	213.8	203.8	187.2	179.6
5th Grade							198	183.9

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

Pittsfield Acres Academy consistently maintains a significant percentage of parents attending both our November and March Parent-Teacher Conferences. The parent attendance rates are as follows:

Semester	Number of Parents	Percentage of Parents
Fall 2022	22	88%
Spring 2023	24	96%
Fall 2023	60	94%

In closing, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our entire Pittsfield Acres Academy community for the remarkable achievements documented in this annual education report. As a brand new school, our resilience and commitment to excellence shine through, fostering a supportive community that embraces learning. The dedication of our outstanding teachers is evident, and together, we look forward to continuing this journey of growth and working collaboratively to elevate our students growth. The future holds great promise, and with the collective efforts of students, parents, teachers, and staff, Pittsfield Acres Academy is poised for continued success.

Sincerely,
Crystal Baker