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## **School Annual Education Report**

April 14, 2016

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2014-15 educational progresses for the **W-A-Y West 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 the campus Director for help if you need assistance.

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

W-A-Y works diligently to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Achievement data indicates that mathematics provides the greatest challenge with over 95% of students scoring in the not proficient level on the 2015 Michigan Merit Examination. W-A-Y staff members are receiving intensive professional development to ensure that teachers understand the rigorous requirements of the Michigan Common Core State Standards for mathematics. In addition, students are receiving targeted differentiated instruction in mathematics to accelerate achievement and close the achievement gap.

W-A-Y is open to all students residing in the State of Michigan. Students can enroll at W-A-Y on the school website and a WAY staff will work directly with the parents / guardians to ensure the students are academically and socially successful.

A copy of the School Improvement Plan is available by contacting the school. A school improvement team is in place and meets regularly to review the school improvement plan and its corresponding goals and activities. The team reviews achievement, demographic, perception, and process data to develop school improvement goals. The school improvement team includes staff members and parents / guardians. The plan is revised on an annual basis in accordance with requirements provided by the Michigan Department of Education.

W-A-Y provides an outstanding educational program to students and their families. Students receive instruction on-line with support from Michigan certified teachers. Teachers receive intensive professional development to be able to meet the needs of each student so their educational program is customized to their specific need.

The W-A-Y HERO curriculum is based on the Michigan Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and mathematics. The science curriculum and social studies curriculum is based on the Michigan curriculum standards for science and social studies. Parents and guardians may access the core curriculum by contacting the WAY Michigan main office or visiting [www.wayprogram.net](http://www.wayprogram.net)

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WAY opened in 2014 so we do not have two years of comparison data on our nationally normed test, Management of Academic Performance. This is the 2014 school data. The percentage change indicates student progress from fall to spring. The average growth in the U.S. is 12 RIT points.

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Percentage Change
Reading RIT	202.0	209.6	+5.6
Math RIT	206.6	212	+5.4

W-A-Y staff initiates conferences with 100% of our student population. All 136 of our researchers were represented during parent - teacher conferences via telephone conference call, student/parent induction phone calls, progress report phone calls, phone calls with our team leader, and home visits. Because we are a virtual academy, our staff is available 24/7 to for parent concerns and phone conference calls. Additional on-going conferences and home visits are an integral part of the “WAY approach”. We believe that involving parents in their student’s education will support improved student learning. Our school clearly works best when parents take an active interest in their children’s education and form partnership with our school to encourage their students to do well.

WAY students did participate in dual enrollment and have an opportunity to test out of courses including advanced placement courses.

WAY is committed to providing an outstanding educational program to all students. Staff members strive to ensure that our students are prepared for college, career, and life. We will continue to work as partners to ensure the success of each WAY student.

We thank you all, and we pledge to continue to work together to provide a premier education for the community’s children in the future.

Sincerely,

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