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### Sturgis High School Annual Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2022-23 educational progress for Sturgis 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 the high school office for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following link at [MiSchoolData.org](https://MISchoolData.org), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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.

Sturgis High School was not identified with one of these labels.

Our school continues to look for ways to meet the challenges faced by our Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged, and ESL student populations. In an effort to close the gaps in these areas, we have instituted after-school tutoring programs, a daily Advisory period, and our 1-1 Chromebook initiative. We feel that in working to level the playing field for all students, success can be possible. We continue to implement the PLC model for collaboration and have developed several teams to assist our entire building in the area of individually targeted interventions.

#### PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Sturgis High School is the only high school in the Sturgis Public School District (SPS) that services students in grades 9-12. Any parent/guardian new to the district wishing to enroll their child in the school must complete the registration process in person during our regular office hours. Ninth-grade students are automatically enrolled at Sturgis High School if they were current SPS students at the conclusion of eighth grade.

## THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Sturgis High School maintains a 3-5 year school improvement plan with goals established for Math and Reading proficiency, family engagement, and strategies to develop and recognize increasing capacity in leaders and teachers. Student achievement data was used in conjunction with the district to determine strategies in Math and Reading. A primary focus of the plan includes the delivery of support programs Special Education, English Language (ESL), and other at-risk students, maximizing student access to the Core Curriculum. Best practice instructional and targeted intervention strategies in each area continue to be an emphasis during staff professional development activities.

## A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Sturgis High School is a traditional 9-12 high school. Within the school, we have specialized programming to support student success. EDGE is an alternative education program that helps students reach graduation through alternative means. This program includes both online courses and in-person small-group instruction. Small group instruction helps students work on essential standards, allowing them to earn credit in a much more efficient way. Students attend the program every day for half a school day. Students often spend the other half of the day in CTE programming. We also provide an online credit recovery program during the school day.

## ACCESS TO THE CORE CURRICULUM

Sturgis High School is currently working to align our English Language Arts and Math curriculum as they extend from the Common Core State Standards. We have started the process of integrating Michigan Science Standards throughout our organization. The Michigan State Academic Standards and the alignment documents can be accessed at:

[https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753\\_38924---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_38924---,00.html)

In addition to the direction the standards provide, each content area has developed curriculum maps to ensure consistency across the district. They are available from your building principal.

## PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT CONFERENCES

Although our actual attendance at parent-teacher conferences is 21%, our goal continues to be to reach 100% of our parents during the school year. While we invite all parents to attend our conferences face-to-face, some parents choose not to participate. For those parents, a follow-up email, letter, or telephone call is utilized. Positive cards for parent notifications are also utilized throughout the year. We continue to work within our Advisory period to mentor and monitor all students and to communicate progress to parents. We have changed our Spring conferences to be an event in which students schedule their classes for the following year. Turn out for this event is closer to 50%

DUAL ENROLLMENT(does not include EMC students)

	# of enrolled students	% of enrolled students
2021-2022	72 (11th and 12th)	16.17% (11th and 12th)
	72 (9th-12th)	7.48% (9th-12th)
2022-2023	83 (11th and 12th)	16.33% (11th and 12th)
	85 (9th-12th)	8.55% (9th-12th)

AP COURSES 2021-22 through 2022-23

Biology, Calculus, US Government & Politics, Lit/Composition, Chemistry, Physics (2022),  
Statistics, Human Geography, US History, and Art History (2022)

	# of enrolled students	% of enrolled 11th/12th students
2021-2022	64	12.6%
2022-2023	75	15.4%

	# of enrolled students receiving college credit	% of enrolled 11th/12th students receiving college credit
2021-2022	31	6.10%
2022-2023	41	8.47%

RESULTS FOR LOCAL COMPETENCIES AND NATIONALLY NORMED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

	2021-2022 SAT	2022-2023 SAT
11th Grade Math	24%	20%
11th Grade ELA	43%	40%

LOCAL NWEA DATA

NWEA READING	SHS 9	NORM 9	SHS 10	NORM 10	SHS 11	NORM 11
2022-23	218.1	221.4	218.9	223.51	219.9	224.71
2021-22	217.4	221.4	221	223.51	222.4	224.71
NWEA MATH	SHS 9	NORM 9	SHS 10	NORM 10	SHS 11	NORM 11
2022-23	222.9	230.03	227.9	232.42	230.7	234.25
2021-22	222.1	230.03	227.5	232.42	232.6	234.25

On behalf of the Sturgis High School staff, I would like to thank the community for their continued support. It truly takes the effort of all students, staff, families, and community members to achieve the success we strive for.

Sincerely,

Nick Herblet

Sturgis High School Principal