
2024-2025 ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT

Newcomers Community School

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Grades: 9-12
Fall 2023 Enrollment: 135

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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 2023-24 educational progress for Newcomers Community 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 email me at RousseyA@grps.org or call our school's main office at 616-819-3160 for assistance.

[The AER is available for you to review electronically by clicking this link](#) , or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 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 2023-24. 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 has not been given one of these labels.

[Click here to view the School Index Overview for our school.](#) This site provides additional information about key performance indicators.

We continue to implement the district's Academic Plan that focuses on creating a learning culture to advance students' thinking and providing a rigorous and standards-based curriculum to help students achieve College- and Career-Readiness by the time they graduate.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that all students are educated, self-directed, and productive members of society.

Process for Assigning Pupils to Our School

To be eligible for the Newcomer Program, a student must meet the following criteria: 1) lowest level on WIDA, and 2) be between 15 and 19 years of age, and 3) have limited formal education, and 4) be in the United States for less than two years. The URL listed below links to information about enrolling in the Newcomer Program. [Please contact Student Services at \(616\) 819-2150 to learn more about your school choices. http://grps.org/enrolltoday](http://grps.org/enrolltoday)

Core Curriculum

GRPS continues to...

- Align curricula to Michigan Grade Level Content Standards and College and Career Readiness Standards.
- Provide professional development that supports our Academic Plan.
- Assess student learning so teachers have accurate information about each student.
- Define individualized student targets, school-wide targets and district achievement targets.

[The GRPS Parent University website links parents to resources such as *Milestones* \(provided by *GreatSchools*\), a collection of online videos aimed to help parents understand their child's grade-level expectations.](#) These videos show students demonstrating what success looks like in reading, writing, and math for every grade level.

We are committed to ensuring our students reach their full academic potential. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you for your interest in our school!

Sincerely,

Aaron Roussey
Principal, Newcomers Community School