

Hillman Community Schools

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Mission

To educate and inspire all students to achieve their maximum potential.

Vision

Preparing our learning community for the reality of tomorrow.

Core Values

Achievement – We will reach our goals!

Excellence – We give our best!

Integrity – We do the right thing!

1/16/2025

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 Hillman Jr. Sr. 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 Mrs. Kayla Nichols for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://www.hillmanschools.com>, 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 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 2023-24. 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 2023-24. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as a Universal Support. These supports are available for all students and schools within the State of Michigan.

One challenge for Hillman Jr. Sr. High School is the Proficiency Index. This category measures the presence of students meeting proficiency in M-Step, PSAT, SAT, and MI-Access. This includes grades 3-8, 11 and 12 in only Math and ELA. The subject categories of Math and ELA are averaged to achieve a single proficiency index value. Our current Proficiency Index is 46.48 for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a focus for professional development and our school improvement plan. Committees of teachers are getting together monthly to discuss how we can increase this score over the next 3 years.

One strength for Hillman Jr. Sr. High School is the Assessment Participation. At both the Junior High and the High School, we have 99.76% of students at school on the days of testing and all students complete the assessment with a valid score. The testing days are very structured and this is a strength of Hillman Schools.

Another strength of Hillman Jr. Sr. High School has a graduation rate of 89.86%. We have 100% of students attending Hillman High School at the time of graduation being successful and this is something that we believe is because students get to choose their own path towards success and this looks very different for everyone. We are extremely proud of this rate and the work that the staff put in to ensure that our students are successful.

State Law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students in grades 6th-12th attend Hillman Jr. Sr. High School. We look at the student's previous school transcript as well as testing scores and age to determine placement for grade level.
2. Our School Improvement Plan is currently in place and a copy of this can be found on our school website www.hillmanschools.com
3. Hillman Jr. Sr. High School is located at 26042 M-32 and serves 234 students in grades 6th-12th.
4. The Curriculum Guide is located on the Website. This resource is aligned to the Michigan Merit Curriculum for the State of Michigan. This is adopted by the Board of Education and is updated every year.
5. We had 100% participation for Parent-Teacher Conferences this Fall. Any Parent/Student unable to attend the traditional Parent-Teacher Conference night was contacted by the team of teachers for a conversation about growth and development.
6. We offer dual enrolled courses through both ACC and Kirtland. We had 36 students participating in this for the fall semester. We also offer Early Middle College opportunities and we have 16 students participating in this. There are approximately 85 students from the 2023/2024 school year that will be earning a college credit for a course.
7. Hillman Jr. Sr. High School offers online courses for students who want to learn from home. We also offer alternative education for students who need a different plan of support. These programs are available for all students. Mrs. Nichols can provide more information as needed.
8. Hillman Jr. Sr. High School now offers CTE Construction and Woodworking. Students who complete this program obtain certificates and skills that will be beneficial in the trades.
9. Hillman Jr. Sr. High School now offers Work Based Learning opportunities for students. This opportunity allows students to explore careers linked to their Educational Development Plan before heading to college or the workforce.

The Vision for Hillman Jr. Sr. High School is to focus on character education, the use of data to drive instruction, and to provide consistent implementation of the curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can continue to increase academic achievement. There are many different paths to graduation for a student at Hillman Community Schools and we look forward to helping your student find their path to success.

Sincerely,

Kayla Nichols