



Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School Center-Based Special Education Program Annual Education 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) and to provide key information to you on the 2013-2014 educational progress for the GOGEBIC-ONTONAGON Intermediate School District. 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 Janice Massie, Director of General Education for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: www.goisd.org or you may review a copy in our main office in Bergland: 202 Elm Street.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

Our school has not been given the label of PRIORITY, FOCUS, OR REWARD SCHOOL.

Key Challenges of Center-Based Special Educational Programming:

There is a need to consider, evaluate, develop and implement assistive technology plans for students within the GOISD center-based programs in order to ensure maximum student growth. GOISD special education staff members are provided additional professional development activities to address this challenge. The purchase of the Unique Learning System (ULS) curriculum for students with cognitive impairments is the curricular tool that will be utilized for alignment with the Common Core State Standards. Implementation of the program will be completed with the goal of adding formative and summative assessments to measure student growth. Accurate baseline data for the development of goals and objectives for individual students will be available and used to determine the programming required for a free and appropriate public education.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students are assigned to the GOISD Center-based programs using the Center-Based Placement Guidelines from the State of Michigan. (Further information is available at the GOISD office in Bergland, as well as all GOISD LEA offices, located in the Ironwood and Ontonagon Schools.
2. The GOISD Center-Based School Improvement Plan is updated annually and is available upon request at the Bergland office: 906-575-3438.
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 - a. Elementary, Secondary and Transition MoCI Programs are located in Ironwood at the Luther L. Wright School at 650 E. Ayer Street.
 - b. Early Childhood Special Education classroom program is located in Ironwood at the Slight School, 108 East Arch Street.
 - c. The MoCI Program is located in Ontonagon at the Ontonagon K-12 building, 701 Parker Avenue.
 - d. Two non-classroom based early childhood special education services are available in both Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties. Information regarding these programs is available at the Bergland office: 906-575-3438.
4. Copies of the Core Curriculum (Unique Learning System) can be obtained by contacting the Director of Special Education at the GOISD, Debra Zelinski, or Special Education Secretary, Ashley Nevins.

The Administrator and Staff of the Gogebic-Ontonagon site-based Special Education programs are committed to providing optimal academic, social, and authentic programming to all our students. We welcome input from family members on an on-going basis. We are here for one reason – student achievement.

Sincerely,

Janice Massie

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