



Hazel Park Community Schools

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Superintendent: Victor Mayo, Ed.D.

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HAZEL PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

22770 Highland
Hazel Park, MI 48030

Douglas Esler, Principal
John Barnett, Asst. Principal
(248) 658-2300

September 14, 2011

Dear Parent,

Your child is a student at Hazel Park Junior High School. You know that your child is important to us and that we want to provide every opportunity for success.

Each school in Michigan is required to test students every year using the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). The results of these tests, as well as participation on the tests, are used to determine whether our school is making adequate yearly progress (AYP).

This year, Hazel Park Junior High School is identified for improvement because one of our subgroups (Students with Disabilities) demonstrated 28% proficiency in reading, which is below the required proficiency level in Michigan. All the remaining subgroups were proficient on the MEAP. A comparison of our test scores to other schools in the district and the state average can be found on the next page.

In order to address this problem, we will be implementing the following programs:

1. Additional reading class for 6th grade students
2. A reading pullout program has been created to help non-proficient students
3. Additional instructional time in core academic subjects for all students
4. Collaboration with Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Oakland Intermediate School District (OISD) consultants to increase student achievement
5. Increased professional development on student achievement and curriculum alignment
6. School Improvement Review (SIR) conducted by MDE
7. Survey of Enacted Curriculum (SEC) by teaching staff
8. Peer Review with staff from similar schools
9. School Improvement Plan modified to reflect the above changes

You as a parent can be involved in addressing the academic issues that caused Hazel Park Junior High to be identified for improvement. You can access your child's grades and attendance records at any time using Zangle Connect. If you do not have computer access, you may use Hazel Park Junior High facilities to keep informed of your child's progress. The school has a website, a newsletter, and electronic signage. All teachers have emails and voicemails. Most of the core subject textbooks are available online, which makes it easier for parents to help with homework and be aware of curriculum. Opportunities for direct parent involvement include Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), orientation, open house, and parent-teacher conferences, as well as band and choir concerts, sporting events, science fair, book fair, Veterans' Day program and chaperoning activities.

Since Hazel Park Junior High School is identified for improvement, the district must offer you the opportunity to transfer your child to another neighboring school. If that district receives more applications than can be accommodated, priority will be given to the lowest-achieving children from low-income families. You will be notified by mail of your child's transfer status. If you choose not to transfer, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) may be available at no cost to eligible students remaining in the school.

To help you decide, we have provided test information from schools whose sub-groups made AYP so you can compare them. Based on this information, you may choose a school using the enclosed transfer form. Transportation to this school will be provided subject to certain cost limitations. You must complete this form by September 30, 2011, and return it to me for consideration.

To discuss this further, please call me at (248) 658-2300 and he will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

Douglas Esler
Principal
Hazel Park Junior High School



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Hazel Park Junior High School Academic Achievement Comparison for Identified Areas

This chart compares Hazel Park Junior High School's academic achievement in the subject and grade identified to two other schools in the district and the state average.

	Percent of All Students Proficient in 6th. Grade Reading	Percent of All Students Proficient in 7th. Grade Reading	Percent of All Students Proficient in 8th. Grade Reading
Hazel Park Junior High	75%	65%	67%
Madison Heights	75%	66%	70%
Ferndale Middle School	xx	67%	77%
State Average	84%	79%	82%
Required Proficiency Level	59%	59%	59%

Hazel Park Transfer Information

Your student may be able to transfer to the following schools. Please complete the attached Transfer Request Form or you can contact me at (248) 658-2300 for more information.

Madison Heights School District (248) 399-7800

Ferndale School District (248) 586-8651

Sincerely,

Mr. Douglas Esler
Principal
Hazel Park Junior High School

**Hazel Park School District
Hazel Park Junior High School
No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Public School Choice/Transfer Request**

Please print all requested information accurately and clearly

Please complete one application per child. Check ONLY Option 1 or Option 2 below.
Return this request form on or before September 30, 2011 to:

Hazel Park Junior High School
Mr. Douglas Esler
22770 Highland
Hazel Park, MI 48030
(248) 658-2300
Fax (248) 586-5875

Please complete the following student information:

Student Name: _____ Student State ID# _____

Student's Grade: _____ Student's Date of Birth: _____

Name of School Student Currently Attends: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Alternate or Cell: (_____) _____

Is this student currently enrolled in special education: _____ Yes _____ No

Parent/Guardian Statement:

I have received and understand the notification sent informing me that Hazel Park Junior High School did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) and has been identified for improvement. I also understand that I have the option to transfer my child to another school that has not been identified for improvement and is making AYP. Based on this information, I choose:

_____ **Option 1:** Remain at Hazel Park Junior High School

_____ **Option 2:** Transfer to another school

First choice of school I wish to transfer my child to: _____

Second choice of school I wish to transfer my child to: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date