



# LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

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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 2024-25 educational progress for Lighthouse Academy Barry Co. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about accountability, student assessment, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent of Residential and Juvenile Justice School programs for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <https://bit.ly/4axgpag>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-26 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 group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group 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, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The Lighthouse Barry County building has faced multiple challenges since the start of the school year as the program continues to serve students who are enrolled due to long-term suspension, expulsion or are court referred. The students who are attending the Lighthouse Barry County program also usually come with heavy trauma from their past, which makes for another barrier in regards to breakthroughs in learning. Lighthouse Barry County also continues to struggle with funding changes due to ever changing enrollment numbers which impacts our ability to meet the variety of our students' needs. The average length of enrollment at the Lighthouse Barry County building can be short term due to

students transferring from the Lighthouse Barry program back to their original school program upon completion of probation or the long term suspension or expulsion from the local district. This student transiency has a high impact on our ability to have students take standardized assessments which would help with gauging individual academic needs. The program continues to implement new, best practices, review data, and improve systems at Lighthouse Barry County in order to bridge some of these gaps and help accelerate student achievement. Lighthouse leadership continues to analyze data and adjust programing as needed, within budgeting cost, to focus on student achievement. Finally, Lighthouse continues to look at the number of standards mastered by students based on the use of standards based grading to monitor student progress due to the transiency of the student population and average time enrolled with the school. Best practices are continually looked into as to how to make the greatest impact in the amount of time the Lighthouse Muskegon Community program has to work with the students.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Our enrollment comes from a referral process of Barry County area schools for students meeting the enrollment requirements.
2. At this time our School Improvement plan is in the first year of implementation. The overall plan is on course with overall district goals as we focus on trauma training, Career and Job skills training program development, as well as MTSS/PBIS program development. Our core goals remain on focusing on having students improve math and reading scores and gain high school credit by offering a holistic educational experience.
3. Lighthouse Academy Barry County Community school is a school program located 2950 M-179 Hastings MI 49058. The program is meant to educate youth in Barry County and surrounding areas, in order for them to remain safe and secure until they meet the requirement to return to their home district, if they choose to do so. The school provides full time education for students grades 6-12 that have been long-term suspended, expelled or court placed. Lighthouse Carry County is focused on students meeting objectives which align with state standards as well as credit recovery. Special Education services are also provided as needed meeting state and federal guidelines.
4. Our core curriculum meets the minimum state requirements for high school graduation. A copy of our courses is offered in our handbook which is given at enrollment or can be requested at the school office. The annual education report is also available through our website or a hard copy is in our school office.

5. Lighthouse Barry County Community School uses standardized testing for students to determine where they are scoring in comparison to the state average. Using data collected from the SAT, PSAT, M STEP, and WorkKeys tests as well as the NWEA Map tests for all students. When testing takes place, the data will be periodically reviewed in order to make necessary changes to the program in order to improve student achievement.

6. We hold parent teacher conferences at parent request or community partner request. Our school is in constant contact with parents, guardians, case workers and court workers, therefore all students participate in a form of parent teacher conferences. In addition progress reports are sent out to parents, guardians, case workers and P.O. 's on a normal basis, and meetings are held to review individual learning plans which have been specially put together to support student needs.

7. Lighthouse Academy Barry County Community students reside in homes within the community, therefore, if a student meets the necessary requirements, they could be eligible for dual enrollment. Lighthouse Academy Barry County Community is a credit recovery institution and does not offer college credit for its high school classes, we also do not offer AP courses as the majority of our students are typically behind in their current coursework.

In conclusion, Lighthouse Academy continues to expand and serve more youth each year. The Lighthouse Program's focus continues to highlight students that need a non-traditional educational placement. We find that our students who choose to stay with one of the Lighthouse Programs are able to obtain their high school diploma and choose to be productive citizens. The students who Lighthouse serves are truly unique and deserve advocates to come to their aid and provide a quality education. The Lighthouse students are capable and able to achieve at the highest level! Let's continue to work hard to help our students achieve their goals!

Sincerely,

Lucas Yax

Assistant Superintendent

Lighthouse Academy Barry County Community  
Program