



Caniff Liberty Academy

REVISED 2019-20 TEMPLATE

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

December 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2019-20 educational progress for Caniff Liberty Academy. 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 Larry Cowger for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.canifflibertyacademy.com/> and clicking on the link <https://bit.ly/2KcXBmM>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school was not identified with any of these labels.

Caniff Liberty Academy currently has a student population of 484, with 290 being English Language Learners. This is the largest challenge that we face, as our students' English proficiency directly impacts high stakes testing and student achievement data. Many of our students are also considered to be at-risk. To address these challenges, we have three English language (ELL) teachers and two Reading Specialists who serve our identified ELL and at-risk students. We also have five paraprofessionals, which speak Arabic and Bengali, who work with students in



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their classes. These challenges are now magnified as a result the COVID19 pandemic and students being on remote/online instruction.

Many of our parents do not speak English, which means that they cannot assist with their child's education at home. Communication between the school and home is a targeted improvement goal. Most of the families in our community are considered to be at the poverty level, which correlates inversely with high academic achievement. Despite these challenges our students experience success on their own levels, rise above their surroundings, and go on to colleges and universities. Our school has higher MSTEP scores than many of our competitors in the city of Hamtramck, which is a testament to our success.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Caniff Liberty Academy is a public charter school and by law accepts all students who reside in Michigan. Our students primarily come from Hamtramck, Detroit, and the surrounding areas. Once the school year has started, and teacher staffing has been completed, students are only accepted where "room" exists within the class caps.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Based on designations in the school improvement plan in State of Michigan's ASSIST system, Caniff Liberty Academy is considered to be in the "implementing" phase in most areas. We are redirecting our focus and resources on the improvement of student language acquisition through effective ELL instruction for our students. As a "Marzano school", the staff and faculty are committed to ensuring five increasing levels of reliability, to include 1) Safe, Collaborative, and Positive Culture, 2) Effective Teaching in Every Classroom, 3) Standards-Based Curriculum, 4) Data-Based Decision-Making, and 5) Language Acquisition. The state approved, Marzano "iObserve" system is the evaluation tool used to ensure reliability.



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3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

There are no specialized schools.

4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

Our authorizer, Oakland University, requires that we follow the Michigan Academic Standards. The curriculum can be viewed at <http://www.emaninc.rubiconatlas.org>.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

2020 MSTEP Data (Percent Proficient)

No Data due to Pandemic and school closures

2019 MSTEP Data (Percent Proficient)

Assessment Name	Assessment Subject	Grade Level Content	Percent Students Proficient	Percent Advanced	Percent Proficient	Percent Partially Proficient
M-STEP	English Language Arts	3rd Grade Content	34.5%	12.7%	21.8%	30.9%
M-STEP	English Language Arts	4th Grade Content	46.0%	30.0%	16.0%	14.0%
M-STEP	English Language Arts	5th Grade Content	32.4%	≤10%	*	20.6%
M-STEP	English Language Arts	6th Grade Content	45.2%	≤10%	*	31.0%
M-STEP	English Language Arts	7th Grade Content	24.0%	≤10%	*	28.0%
PSAT	Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing	8th Grade Content	16.3%	*	≤10%	28.6%



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6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

2020 Conferences

45%

2019 Conferences

45%

Caniff Liberty Academy is proud to provide a learning environment that places high value on respect, tolerance, and pride in diversity. We enroll many newcomers to the United States and offer programs and services to prepare them for life as American citizens. We afford our students multiple field trips throughout the year to further acculturate them to society. We are proud of our students and stay focused on our motto of graduating college ready and college bound students.

Sincerely,

Larry Cowger, Principal
Caniff Liberty Academy

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High School Graduation: Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Rate

Student Group	Baseline Data	Most Recent Results	Interim Objective	Interim Objective	Long-Term Target
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Professional Qualifications of All Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers

	Other	B.A.	M.A.	Ph.D.
Caniff Liberty Academy (01371)	0	11	11	1

Professional Qualifications are defined by the State and may include information such as the degrees of public school teachers (e.g., percentage of teachers with Bachelors Degrees or Masters Degrees) or the percentage of fully certified teachers

Inexperienced Teachers

	Total Number of Staffing Group	Number Inexperienced	Percent Inexperienced	Count High-Poverty Schools	Percent High-Poverty Schools	Count Low-Poverty Schools	Percent Low-Poverty Schools
Caniff Liberty Academy (01371)	23.00	7.00	30.4%	7.00	30.4%	N/A	N/A

Inexperienced Principals and Other School Leaders

	Total Number of Staffing Group	Number Inexperienced	Percent Inexperienced	Count High-Poverty Schools	Percent High-Poverty Schools	Count Low-Poverty Schools	Percent Low-Poverty Schools
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Teacher Emergency or Provisional Credentials

	Total Number of Teachers	Number with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	Percent with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	Count High-Poverty Schools	Percent High-Poverty Schools	Count Low-Poverty Schools	Percent Low-Poverty Schools
Caniff Liberty Academy (01371)	23.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%	N/A	N/A

Out-of-Field Teachers

	Total Number of Teachers	Number of Out-of-Field Teachers	Percent of Out-of-Field Teachers	Count High-Poverty Schools	Percent High-Poverty Schools	Count Low-Poverty Schools	Percent Low-Poverty Schools
Caniff Liberty Academy (01371)	23.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%	N/A	N/A

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NAEP Grade 4 Math

	Percent of Students	Percent below Basic	Percent Basic	Percent Proficient	Percent Advanced
All Students	100	24	41	29	7
Male	51	22	40	30	8
Female	49	25	42	28	5
National Lunch Program Eligibility	51	36	44	18	2
Eligible	49	12	37	40	11
Not Eligible	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Info not available					
Race/Ethnicity					
White	65	15	41	36	8
Black or African American	17	51	39	9	1
Hispanic	9	34	45	17	4
Asian	3	9	32	37	22
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian or Alaska Native	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or More Races	5	29	42	22	7
Student classified as having a disability	11	60	29	10	1
SD	89	19	42	31	7
Not SD					
Student is an English Language Learner	10	37	46	14	2
ELL	90	22	40	31	7
Not ELL					

‡ Reporting Standards not met. Note: Observed differences are not necessarily statistically significant. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education. Institute for Education Sciences. National Center for Education Statistics. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2019 Mathematics Achievement.

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NAEP Grade 8 Math

	Percent of Students	Percent below Basic	Percent Basic	Percent Proficient	Percent Advanced
All Students	32	68	31	9	
Male	51	33	67	31	10
Female	49	31	69	31	7
National Lunch Program Eligibility					
Eligible	4	48	52	16	3
Not Eligible	55	19	81	43	13
Info not available	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Race/Ethnicity					
White	70	25	75	37	11
Black or African American	15	64	36	9	1
Hispanic	8	41	59	16	2
Asian	3	14	86	52	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or More Races	4	39	61	24	4
Student classified as having a disability					
SD	10	75	25	5	0
Not SD	90	27	73	34	9
Student is an English Language Learner					
ELL	6	60	40	8	1
Not ELL	94	30	70	32	9

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NAEP Grade 4 Reading

	Percent of Students	Percent below Basic	Percent Basic	Percent Proficient	Percent Advanced
All Students	100	36	64	32	7
Male	51	40	60	28	6
Female	49	32	68	36	9
National Lunch Program Eligibility					
Eligible	53	49	51	20	3
Not Eligible	47	21	79	45	13
Info not available	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Race/Ethnicity					
White	65	29	71	37	9
Black or African American	18	58	42	15	2
Hispanic	9	50	50	18	2
Asian	3	18	82	44	15
American Indian or Alaska Native	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or More Races	5	33	67	35	8
Student classified as having a disability					
SD	10	74	26	10	1
Not SD	90	31	69	34	8
Student is an English Language Learner					
ELL	11	57	43	14	3
Not ELL	89	33	67	34	8

Rounds to zero

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NAEP Grade 8 Reading

	Percent of Students	Percent below Basic	Percent Basic	Percent Proficient	Percent Advanced
All Students	100	27	73	31	3
Male	51	32	68	26	2
Female	49	21	79	37	3
National Lunch Program Eligibility	47	39	61	19	1
Eligible	52	15	85	43	4
Not Eligible	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Info not available					
Race/Ethnicity					
White	70	22	78	35	3
Black or African American	15	48	52	12	0
Hispanic	8	36	64	22	1
Asian/Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	14	86	56	6
Two or More Races	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian or Alaska Native	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Islander	4	23	77	40	5
Student classified as having a disability					
SD	11	71	29	5	0
Not SD	89	21	79	35	3
Student is an English Language Learner					
ELL	6	57	43	6	0
Not ELL	94	25	75	33	3

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NAEP Participation Data

Grade	Subject	Participation Rate for Students with Disabilities	Standard Error	Participation Rate for Limited English Proficient Students	Standard Error
4	Math	86.9	2.25	97	0.97
	Reading	85.4	2.57	98	1.04
8	Math	81.9	2.48	95	1.79
	Reading	83.3	2.41	91	3.97

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is periodically administered by the U.S. Department of Education based on assessments administered to samples of students in each state. Federal regulations require the display of state level NAEP data on the Annual Education Report. These data represent the performance of the most recent sample of Michigan students on the NAEP.

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Sec. 1003 School Improvement Fund

District Name	School Name	Type of School	Funds Received	Strategies Implemented
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