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We would like to share exciting news with you regarding our academic achievement at Hale Area Schools. In addition to our regular classroom instruction and assessments, our students are “compared” to students across the state in multiple assessments. We administer the NWEA three times a year, and use the results to identify skill deficits and examine student growth.

We also administer the state mandated M-Step assessments, as well as the PSAT in 8th, 9th, and 10th grade and SAT in 11th grade. This is a one-time snapshot of how we are performing according to the standards the State of Michigan has in place. Last year, Hale Area Schools was acknowledged as a “Reward School” for academic achievement when compared to schools with similar demographics to us.

We recently received results from the Spring of 2023 M-Step, PSAT, and SAT assessments. Assessments are given to all students in grades 3-11 in language arts and math, and in science and social studies in grades 5, 8, and 11. As a result, there are 24 separate assessments given to our students.

When comparing our results to others, we had the highest scores in our county in 6 out of 24 assessments, and were second in another 6 assessments. We also exceeded state averages in these assessments 13 times - many times by a large margin. Over the past few years, our scores are climbing.

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Our district takes this information to modify instruction. For example, this school year we are instituting a major resource change in our language arts curriculum in all grades, K-12. We have also added reading and math intervention classes in junior high to provide students who need extra help in specific areas with improving their skills.

All of us collectively will continue to work together to make the education of our students a priority in Hale. If you would like to dive deeper on your own into student assessments both in Hale and across the state, you may review the website <https://mischooldata.org/> to review the school education dashboard for every school in our state.

Yours in Education,

Jeffrey J. Yorke, Superintendent
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