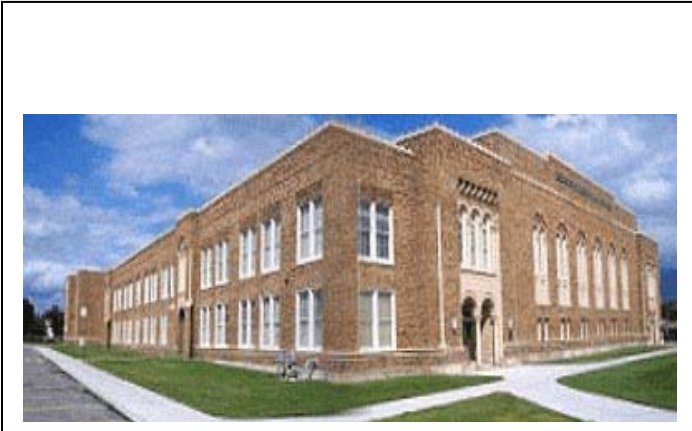


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Escanaba Middle School



Designated in 2009

Middle School: Escanaba Middle School
District: Escanaba Public Schools
County: Delta County
State: Michigan
Principal: Dr. Kay E. Johnson
School Address: 1500 Ludington Street
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School Web Site: www.escanabaschool.com

2009 School Statistics

(Source: CEPI)

Community: Rural Upper Peninsula town with 1 high school, 1 middle school and 4 elementary schools.

Enrollment: 533

Grade Levels: 6-8

School Schedule: 7:35 – 2:15

Student Demographics

- 01% Hispanic
- 90% White
- 01% African American
- 01% Asian
- 07% Native American

- 69% Free/Reduced Lunch

2006 MET AYP

2007 MET AYP

2008 Scored above 2007 in each area

(Visit [state department of education Web site](#) to view this school's data for prior years.)

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Professional Team Meetings
- Homework Helproom
- Advisory Class
- State Aligned Curriculum
- Differentiated Instruction
- Student-Centered Learning
- Integrated technology lessons
- Algebra Intervention program
- Community Mentor Program
- "House" concept
- Odyssey Learning
- "All-Stars" Character Education
- SMART Curriculum- Media Violence
- Staff present at local, state and national conferences

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Developmental Responsiveness

- Daily Advisory Program
- Interdisciplinary Teams and Units of Study
- Grades organized in small “houses”
- Adult and high school mentors
- School social worker, liaison officer help build positive relationships
- PTO Clubs: Guitar, Book, Cooking, Drama, Automotive, Sewing
- Indian Education Program Title VII
- Agenda Books for best organizational practices
- Advisory curriculum centers around students’ learning about themselves and community
- Service Learning projects in classrooms, Student Council, Builders’ Club
- PowerSchool- on-line student information system

Social Equity

- Flexible student schedules
- Time before and after school for homework completion
- Title I building assistant focuses on math and ELA
- Lessons developed to promote critical thinking
- All clubs, athletics, service organizations open to all students
- Title VII Indian Education program: Fall and Spring feasts, cultural presentations
- Partnered with DSISD and Harvard University to research effects that TV Violence has on students.

Organizational Support

- Teaming
- Faculty Committees: Advisory, SIP, Indian Education, Team Leader and staff meetings
- Faculty presents at local, state and national conferences
- School Improvement Goals based on MEAP and other assessments.
- Transition activities for 5th graders to EMS, 8th graders to EHS and all special education students
- Member (MSBOA) Band
- Evaluations and hiring process center on best practices for middle age adolescents

Focus for the Future—Continuing Improvement

- School Improvement Goals continue to base around assessment results
- Continue partnerships with community
- Schedule professional development to analyze student work