

ELK RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL

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Elk Rapids Tops the List

Recently, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) released their “Top to Bottom” ranking of Michigan schools. These rankings are determined by 3 factors:

1. Overall academic achievement
2. Improvement in overall academic achievement
3. Improved comparable achievement scores in the top and bottom 30% of students

Elk Rapids High School ranked #1 in the Traverse Bay Area Intermediary School District (TBAISD) out of 17 high schools and was in the 89th percentile in the state of Michigan. In addition to this “Top to Bottom” ranking by the MDE, Elk Rapids High School’s ACT Composite Average was top in the region at 21.93 and two full points above the State Average. ERHS also topped the region in College & Career Readiness relative to ACT benchmarks as well as most subject specific areas on the ACT/MME. According to Mike Travis, ERHS Principal, “Our staff has been working hard to provide *the* standard of excellence in the core courses. I believe this is evident in our test results. What we are doing is working and we will continue to tweak and adjust, finding ways to continually improve. I am so proud and honored to work with such an outstanding staff and dedicated students.”

Elk Rapid’s Mill Creek Elementary ranked #4 and Lakeland Elementary #5 in the TBAISD out of thirty-one schools. They ranked in the 87th and 85th percentile overall in the state. Cherryland Middle School ranked third out of eight dedicated middle schools in our region.

Steve Prissel, Superintendent of Elk Rapids Schools, stated, “We are extremely proud of our teachers, staff and students for scoring so well. Standardized scores and rankings are just one of many metrics we use to determine the success of the education we are providing our students. We also know that our students will need skills in technology, hence our 1-to-1 iPads for every student, collaboration and teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, global perspective, and other areas that may not show up on standardized scores. The scores and rankings do help guide us in some of the areas we can continue to improve upon. It is our commitment to our students to continue to lead the way, innovate and invest in educational approaches, like the International Baccalaureate Program, that prepare them to be successful leaders of the 21st Century. We also celebrate metrics of success, such as the recent Top to Bottom rankings, along the way.”

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