

Grayling Middle School

2010-2011 Annual Report

Crawford AuSable Schools, Summer 2011

Jeff Branch, Principal

"The Good Stuff's in the Middle"



Grayling Middle School had the pleasure of serving 378 students during the 2010-2011 school year.

At G.M.S., we put the needs of the students first! If it's good for them, then we do it!

Grayling Middle School is part of the Crawford AuSable School District in Crawford County. It is located in the middle of Northern Lower Michigan. The district covers 525 square miles and is comprised of 6 townships. The population of Grayling is 12,321 and it is the only public school in Crawford County.

Grayling is home to the beautiful AuSable and Manistee Rivers and Lake Margrethe. Every year, thousands of tourists visit our area to enjoy the four seasons and the outdoor activities Grayling has to offer. Our public school, Camp Grayling, Weyerhaeuser Company and Mercy Hospital are Crawford County's largest employers.

Forty-eight percent of our students participated in co-curricular afterschool activities. One hundred sixty-one G.M.S. students were honored as Students of the Month, and an average of 195 students were on the honor roll each trimester. Average daily attendance was 94.6%.

We had 237 parents registered as Parent Volunteers who were willing to help with dances, field trips and assist in classrooms. Fifty-nine percent of parents attended Fall Parent Teacher Conferences.

District Mission Statement

The Crawford AuSable School District, in partnership with our community, educates students in a safe, challenging and supportive environment to become successful citizens in a global society.

GMS Mission Statement

The mission of the Grayling Middle School is to provide a gradual transition from the elementary school to high school, addressing academic, physical, social and emotional needs where the staff and facilities are focused on a positive learning environment for all students.

School Improvement

The following topics were the focus of the 2010-11 school year:

- ◆ MEAP Analysis
- ◆ Writing Folders
- ◆ Reading Strategies
- ◆ Anti-Bullying Strategies
- ◆ Writing Across the Curriculum
- ◆ Team Building/Communication
- ◆ Literacy (Reading and writing)
- ◆ Looking at student work
- ◆ Use of Technology in the Classroom
- ◆ Common Assessments
- ◆ Curriculum Maps
- ◆ Literacy Coach
- ◆ Data Director Coach
- ◆ 6 + 1 Writing Strategies
- ◆ NWEA District Assessments
- ◆ Data Director Student Data Warehouse

Our goal:

- ◆ Students will achieve MEAP scores that are at or above the state average in every tested area.

Points of Pride

- ◆ School Resource Officer
- ◆ Alternative Ed (Phoenix Program)
- ◆ 6 + 1 Writing Curriculum
- ◆ Social Studies Capstone Project
- ◆ Class Trips
- ◆ 6th Grade Camp
- ◆ 8th Grade Trip
- ◆ Student of the Month
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Student Activity Nights
- ◆ Yearbook publications
- ◆ Band Festival
- ◆ Solo and Ensemble
- ◆ Peer Mediation
- ◆ Peer Tutors
- ◆ Natural Helpers
- ◆ COWs (Computers on Wheels)
- ◆ 3 1/2 Computer Labs
- ◆ At Risk Services
- ◆ Integrated Units
- ◆ Geography Bee
- ◆ After School Homework Lab
- ◆ Before School Homework Help
- ◆ PWP (Pass While Participating)
- ◆ CPS Computer Performance Systems for Formative Assessments
- ◆ Interactive Data Projector
- ◆ Scholastic "Read About" Program
- ◆ Document Cameras

Parent Involvement Team (PIT)

PIT worked on the following projects:

- ◆ Needs and Characteristics of Adolescents
- ◆ Fun Fest
- ◆ Monthly meetings
- ◆ Activity Nights
- ◆ Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ◆ Parent Volunteer Data Base

MEAP Results

Grade Level Subject	State Average % Proficient '10-'11	GMS % Proficient '10-'11	GMS % Proficient '09-'10	GMS % Proficient		AYP
				BOYS	GIRLS	
6 th Grade Reading	84	88	90	81	92	Yes
6 th Grade Math	84	91	92	84	96	Yes
6 th Grade Social Studies	75	83	80	79	86	
7 th Grade Reading	79	82	93	79	87	Yes
7 th Grade Math	85	93	92	93	93	Yes
8 th Grade Reading	82	90	83	87	95	Yes
8 th Grade Math	78	87	84	87	88	Yes
8 th Grade Science	78	89	85	90	84	

Michigan School Report Card

Every Michigan school receives a letter grade that is based on three areas: student achievement on MEAP, Adequate Yearly Progress status and the indicators for school performance. For the 2010-11 school year, Grayling Middle School received a grade of A.

Student Achievement:

Mathematics	100%	A
Reading	88.1%	B
Social Studies	76.9%	C
Science	92.6%	A

Achievement Subtotal 89.4% B

Indicators of School Performance 100% A

Preliminary Grade 93% A

Adequate Yearly Progress MET AYP

Composite Grade A