



Detroit Merit Charter Academy  
1091 Alter Rd  
Detroit, MI 48215-2861

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Subject: Fiscal year 2026 Section 31a Annual Transparency Report

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The primary focus of Section 31a of the Michigan State School Aid Act provides funding to ensure that pre-Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade *at-risk eligible students* demonstrate proficiency in:


- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade English Language Arts
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics
- College and Career Readiness by High School Graduation
- Regular Student Attendance

An *at-risk student* is any K-12 student that meets one or more of the identification criteria outlined in the Section 31a legislation.

In compliance with [MCL-Section 388.1631a \(17\) of the State School Aid Act](#), beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and every year thereafter, each district who receives Section 31a funds must provide a notification to parents/guardians that includes the amount of funding received under the grant, how the district distributed those funds, and what evidence-based interventions were implemented with those grant dollars.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Detroit Merit Charter Academy received Section 31a funds from the state of Michigan. This letter serves as notification of the transparency reporting requirements under the law.

- What was the total amount of the district/school Section 31a allocation for the 2025-2026 school year?
  - \$1,254,286.00
- What evidence-based interventions and support were implemented with the Section 31a At-risk grant funds during the 2025-2026 grant cycle?
  - Breakfast Program Support
  - Intervention Supplies & Materials
  - Retention/Recruitment Bonuses
  - Student Mentoring
  - Supplemental Professional Development

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- Instructional Intervention Staff
    - Social Emotional Staffing
    - Tutoring Program
  - What is the district's methodology and decision making for distributing Section 31a At-risk grant funds to target the buildings with the highest needs?
    - Detroit Merit Charter Academy is a single-building district, and therefore all Section 31a funds received are allocated to Detroit Merit Charter Academy.
  - In what ways has the district collected feedback from parents/caregivers on the supports and interventions provided with Section 31a funds this year?
    - Parents, staff, school board, and community members' feedback, on state and federal-funded programs, is solicited via participation in surveys during the following annual stakeholder meetings:
      1. Fall Parent Meeting for Federal and State Programs
      2. Spring Continuous School Improvement Stakeholder meetings

For more information about the Section 31a services and interventions available for your child(ren), to provide feedback, or if you have additional questions regarding the use of Section 31a funds at Detroit Merit Charter Academy, please contact Principal Sandra Terry-Martin at [45.smart@nhaschools.com](mailto:45.smart@nhaschools.com) or by calling 313-331-3328.

Sincerely,

Sandra Terry-Martin  
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