

Michigan Center School District
Parent FAQ
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AR Points vs. Pages

Q: What grade levels/departments require AR Points vs. Pages?

A: AR is used differently across our district. All grades base their goals on just right text according to a student's individual reading level. Each student's goal is reflective of their reading ability and level.

- **Arnold Elementary**
 - The AR program is used, but requirements do NOT exist across grade levels nor is AR used to assess a student's performance.
- **Keicher Elementary** (timeline of goals may be different by classroom)
 - 3rd – 5th Grade – Individual student AR point goals
- **Jr. High School**
 - 7th & 8th Grade – Individual student AR point goals
- **Sr. High School**
 - 9th -12th Grade – Individual student PAGE goals

Emergency Drill Information

Q: What drills are our schools required to complete annually and how is recorded and/or reported?

A: Currently, all schools in the State of Michigan have to complete the following drills during a given school year:

- 6 Fire Drills
- 2 Tornado Drills
- 2 Lock Down Drills

These drills have to be documented and kept by the school. Michigan Center maintains the drill records for a period of 5 years.

During the 2014-2015 the drills and documentation required will be changing. In 2014-2015 schools will have to complete the following drills within the specified timelines:

- 5 Fire Drills – 3 need to be held prior to December 1st & then the remaining 2 by the end of the year with reasonable spacing between each drill
- 2 Tornado Drills – 1 has to be held in the month of March
- 3 Safet/Lockdown/Lockout Drills – 1 has to be held prior to December 1st and at least 1 after January 1st with reasonable spacing between each drill
- 1 of the drills must be conducted during a lunch or recess period

Documentation of these drills must be completed and posted on the school's website within 30 days of drill completion and maintained on the website for 3 years.

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Cradle 2 Career

Q: What is Cradle 2 Career and how would I go about getting involved?

A: Jackson County Cradle to Career (C2C) is a broad-based community effort and network committed to building community-wide support for fundamental change in how – and how well – we educate our children now and future generations. See the website below for additional information including a form to complete to become part of this county wide effort.

- <http://www.jcisd.org/Page/1967>

Special Education Services

Q: What if I think my child has a learning disability or he/she is struggling in school?

A: Immediately contact your child's teacher and begin a conversation with him/her regarding the concerns around your child's performance. We have a process in place within the district to evaluate and make the appropriate recommendations to assist in the development of each child.