**See how Lansing-area high schools rank on state's new public school rating system**

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LANSING - The Michigan Department of Education debuted a system last week that rates public schools across the state on a scale of zero to 100.

**Williamston High School scored 99.08, placing it at the top** among high schools in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. Five other high schools received ratings above 90: Okemos, Haslett, DeWitt, Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia.

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Among Lansing’s three public high schools, Everett faired best with a score of 53.71, beating out Sexton and Eastern, which scored 31.01 and 36.16, respectively. Proficiency rates on English language and math assessments were significantly higher at Everett than at Lansing’s other two high schools.

Nearly one in three Everett Vikings were proficient in English Language Arts last year, compared to about one in eight Sexton Big Reds and one in four Eastern Quakers, according to state data. Eastern had the best graduation rate, with nearly 80% of its class of 2017 graduating in four years. The rate at Everett was 78%, at Sexton 69%.

Both Eastern and Sexton have been identified as needing additional state support in recent years.

State Superintendent Brian Whiston has said the new rating system improves on the prior top-to-bottom model by making it easier for parents to understand how their child’s school compares to others, according to MDE spokesman Bill DiSessa.

Williamston High School – 99.08

Okemos High School – 95.74

Haslett High School – 95.69

East Lansing High School – 88.19

Mason High School 87.73

Leslie High School – 80.80

Stockbridge Jr./ Sr. High School – 80.22

Dansville High School – 76.58

Holt Senior High School – 69.49

Waverly Senior High School – 64.82

Webberville High School 64.77

Everett High School – 53.71

Eastern High School – 36.16

Sexton High School – 31.01

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