



How I actually research school districts

THE PROBLEM

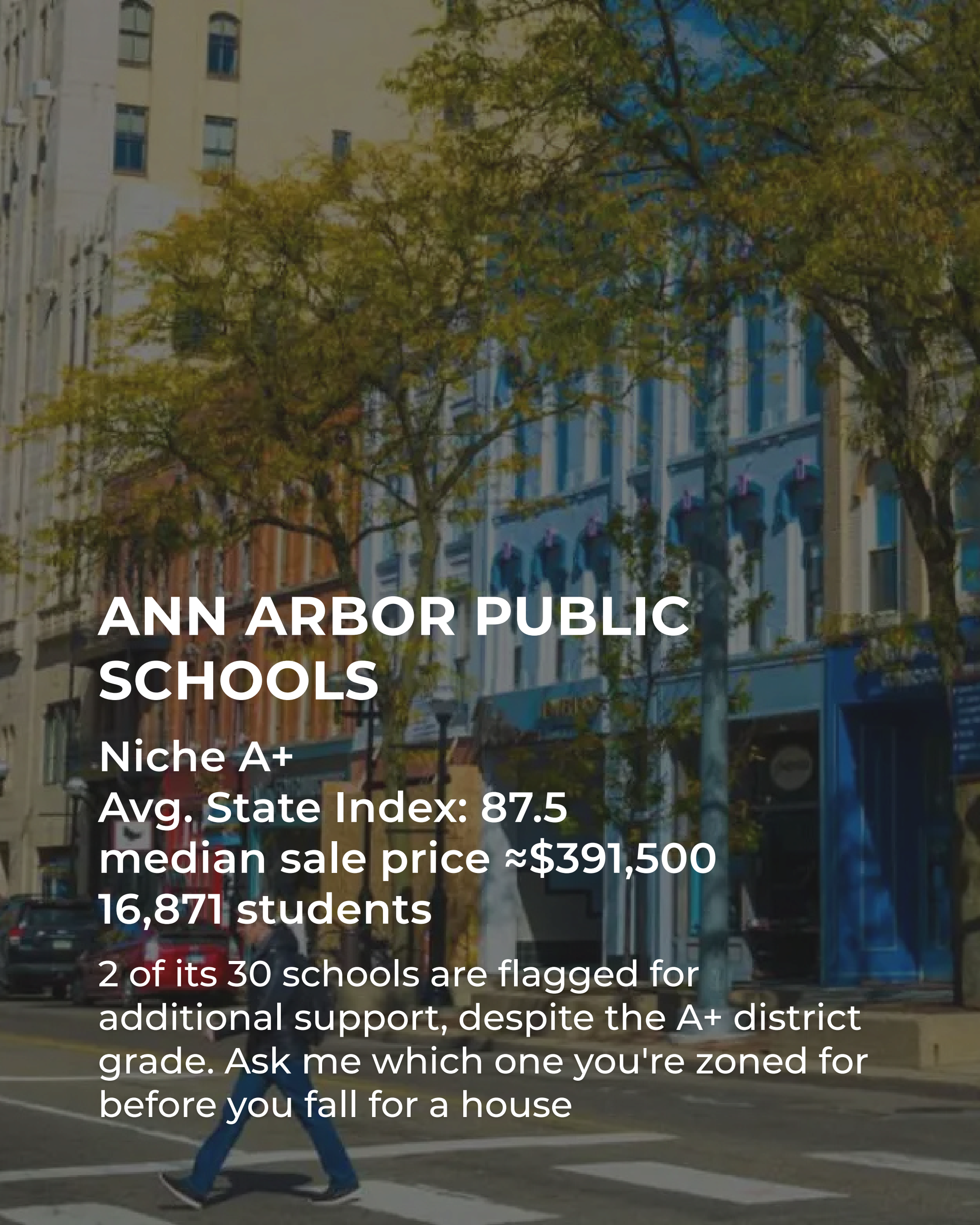
Most online rankings don't say where the numbers came from, or how current they are.

Michigan runs its own school accountability system, the School Index, which the state publishes every year.

USE MORE THAN ONE

- mischooldata.org — the state's own current index, updated yearly
- GreatSchools.org — national database, 1–10 scale
- Niche.com — rankings + real reviews, graded A–F

Then go one level deeper than the district grade. Here's why.

A background image of a city street in Ann Arbor. In the foreground, a person is walking across a crosswalk. The background features several trees with yellowing leaves, suggesting autumn. Behind the trees are multi-story buildings, including a prominent blue building with arched windows and a red brick building. The overall scene is a typical urban street view.

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Niche A+

Avg. State Index: 87.5

median sale price ≈\$391,500

16,871 students

2 of its 30 schools are flagged for additional support, despite the A+ district grade. Ask me which one you're zoned for before you fall for a house



SALINE AREA SCHOOLS

Niche A

Avg. State Index: 96.8

Median sale price ≈\$389K

4,683 students



CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT - GREATSCHOOLS

Niche A

Avg. State Index: 94.0

Median sale price ≈\$377K

2,257 students



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Niche A

Avg. State Index: 92.1

Median sale price ≈\$453K

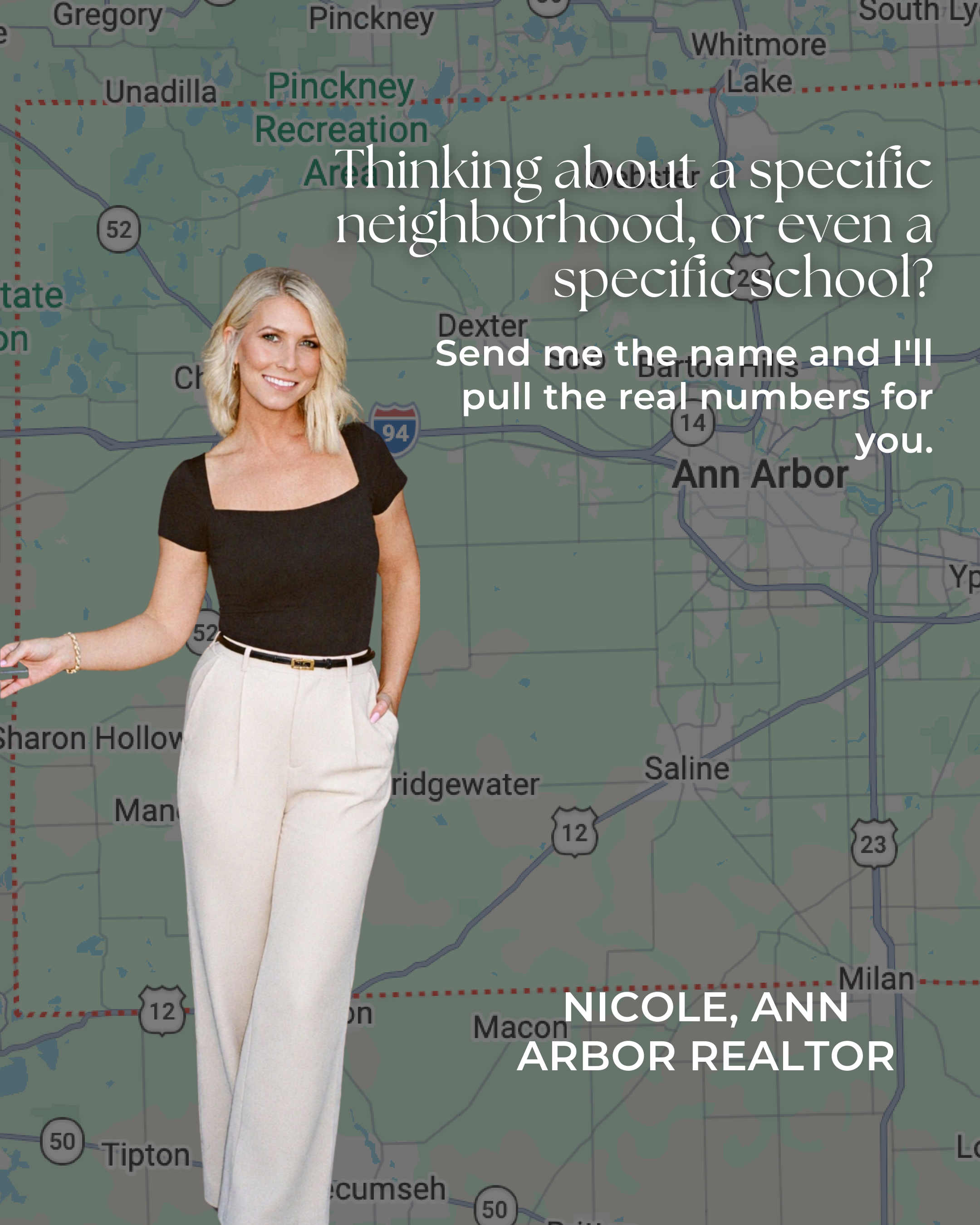
3,317 students

A photograph of a historic brick building with arched windows and a sign for 'GARDEN MI'. The building is made of red brick and has several large, arched windows. A sign for 'GARDEN MI' is visible on the right side of the building. The sky is blue with some clouds.

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Niche B-
Avg. State Index: 96.2
681 students

Two legitimate sources, two very different answers. Worth checking with me before you rule this district out.



Thinking about a specific neighborhood, or even a specific school?

Send me the name and I'll pull the real numbers for you.

Ann Arbor

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