

Allendale Public Schools Oakwood Elementary Annual Education Report

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2022-23 educational progress for Oakwood Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Ms. Gwen Luban, Oakwood's principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting <u>Oakwood AER</u>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2022-23. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2022-23. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2022-23. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

At Oakwood Intermediate, our staff works collaboratively to meet the needs of each student in our care. As a team, we regularly review assessment data, consider teacher input, and collectively share student information in an effort to provide our students with the best educational experience possible. In reviewing the Oakwood AER, it shares that in all four content areas: ELA, math, science, and social studies, that Oakwood students exceeded the state percentages for students who were proficient in each of those four content areas. We are extremely proud of this information. Two subgroups scored below the state results: 4th-grade Hispanic and Economically Disadvantaged students, in the area of science. This is very disheartening to us.

One initiative Oakwood has in place for the 2023-24 school year is that the Oakwood teaching staff have and will continue to participate in additional training related to effective teaching strategies, engagement and content knowledge. With the goal of improving student achievement, academic coaching, learning labs and inquiry-based trainings are also being offered and implemented. Secondly, Oakwood teachers meet four times per year in Data Review meetings to analyze data and determine intervention groups for students at all achievement levels. Specific math and reading skills are analyzed and strategies are identified to meet the individual needs of our students. Oakwood is also in the process of developing a Tier 2 and Tier 3 MTSS process whereby a small team from Oakwood will work collaboratively through the MTSS process to best identify and support at-risk students who would greatly benefit from intensive academic and/or behavioral support. This team will consider the student's strengths and areas of concern and suggest strategies and supports to help ensure student's experience success. Lastly, Oakwood offers an after-school tutoring program designed to help our most academically vulnerable students receive the extra support they need. Our EL and ED students have the opportunity to participate in the Falcon Hour program as well. Other opportunities such as tutoring, small group support, community volunteers, and secondary peer partners all help to drive student success at Oakwood.



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State law requires that we also report additional information.

- 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL All students in grades four and five were assigned to Oakwood Intermediate.
- 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN Allendale is in year two of our five-year school improvement plan. Oakwood is focusing on implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).
- A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL
 Allendale Public Schools currently operates one specialized alternative education high school (New Options High School). All other schools in the district are not specialized.
- 4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL
 - Allendale Public Schools follow the Common Core Standards, which can be found on our district website.
- 5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

 Student achievement results are outlined in the AER. In addition to state and federal assessments, Allendale uses local assessment data to determine student achievement and growth.
- 6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

2022-2023 – Fall 2022: 97% parent participation; Spring 2023: 90.% parent participation 2023-2024 – Fall 2023: 98% parent participation; Spring 2024: N/A yet

Our Oakwood staff is extremely proud of this most recent Annual Education Report. However, we also realize that most of our students have been in the Allendale school system for several years prior to arriving in 4th and 5th grade. We appreciate all the time and effort devoted to their learning thus far from previous APS staff. Our Oakwood staff are dedicated and devoted to teaching the State of Michigan Common Core Standards using best practices and research-based resources and methods. While we are pleased with these results, we also know there is much work still to be done. We will look at this data as we finish out this year and plan for the coming 2023-24 school year.

Sincerely,

Gwen Luban, Principal Oakwood Intermediate School