

Houghton Lake Community Schools

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REVISED 2024-25 TEMPLATE

District Annual Education Report (AER)

January 10, 2025:

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for the Houghton Lake Community School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact your school's Principal, or Superintendent Williams for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting HLCS district website at hlcsk12.net and clicking on the District AER Report under the Menu options, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

School Accountability Data

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

Educator Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders

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- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate, and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2024-25 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 2023-24. 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 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22.

As the result of diligent focus and hard work on behalf of our staff to support all of our subgroups of students, HLCS no longer has any schools identified as falling below minimum achievement or graduation rate thresholds. So this year, all three of our schools are not identified with any of these labels, so they are listed with a "No label" under the Status label column in the table below.

School Name <LIST ALL SCHOOLS>	Status Label <IDENTIFY TSI, ATS, CSI, AND NO LABEL SCHOOLS>	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement <IDENTIFY THE KEY INITIATIVE>
Collins Elementary School	No label	ELA, Math, and well rounded child goals
Houghton Lake Jr Sr High School	No label	ELA, Math, and well rounded child goals
Houghton Lake Community Education	No label	ELA, Math, and well rounded child goals

I am extremely proud of the work that our teachers, staff and administration have done over these last few years. Over the last three years especially, our students have shown a steady increase in student growth and achievement. Great things are happening at Houghton Lake Community Schools!

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Sincerely,

Ben Williams
Superintendent, Houghton Lake Community Schools