

Houghton Lake Community Schools

Collins Elementary

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TOGETHER WE CAN

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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 2024-2025 educational progress for Collins 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 Principal Alicia Thompson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://hlcsk12.net/> or you may review a copy in the main office.

Professional goals for Collins Elementary this year are centered around English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Well Rounded Education as part of Houghton Lake Community Schools Michigan Integrated Improvement Process (MICIP). We have dedicated a considerable amount of our professional development time to building our repertoire of strategies to increase student engagement, improve foundational reading skills and social emotional growth to ensure each student's success at school. This work will continue to enhance the learning of what we are already doing at Collins Elementary by strengthening our curriculum and instructional practices.

Collins Elementary also continued the implementation of our literacy and mathematics curriculum in addition to a dedicated small group differentiated instruction time. Grade level teaching teams meet in professional learning community collaboration sessions to deliberately scaffold instruction to meet the needs of all of our learners as part of the SMART goal process.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL- Houghton Lake Community Schools is a School of Choice school. Students approved as a School of Choice student as well as all students living in the Houghton Lake

Community School district boundaries are assigned to a building according to their given grade level. Students in Kindergarten – 6th grade are assigned to Collins Elementary School.

2. STATUS OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Collins Elementary staff began the implementation cycle of their current school improvement plan during the 2023-2024 school year. During the 2023-2024 school year, the staff moved into the implementation stage of their five year school improvement plan. Each year the plan is reviewed and programming is adjusted based on the student academic data it has collected.

The building plan consists of three goals. Those goals include:

1. English Language Arts- 2029 MSTEP: increase by 26% (5% annually) to reach state target
2. Mathematics- 2029 MSTEP: increase by 17% (4% annually) to reach state target
3. K-12 Well Rounded Education-
 - i. K-12 2029 Target: decrease in chronically absent students by 25% (5% annually)
 - ii. K-12 2029 Target: decrease the number of major behavior referrals and number of students receiving major behavior referrals by 20% (4% annually)

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS:

3. Collins Elementary School is a relatively small rural community school located on the shore of beautiful Houghton Lake. It specializes in the academic, social and emotional growth of students K-6. Staff diversifies instruction based on student needs to help all students obtain the skills necessary to pass their state proficiency tests.
4. The students of Collins Elementary School receive special services through the C.O.O.R. ISD. Students receive diagnostic testing and school psychology. School social work, occupational therapy services, and speech pathology, are provided by district staff.

CORE CURRICULUM –

5. If you are interested in accessing the core curriculum please come to the elementary office. The curriculum is available by grade level to help you understand the expectations of expected study as your child progresses through

each grade level. The curriculum is built based on the State's model of Common Core Standards.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS –

6. These can be found at [MiSchool Data](#)

At Collins Elementary, we are focusing on the leadership potential in each student. Through this lens, students will discover and practice a set of leadership and life skills. Incorporating leadership practices within our school's environment and curriculum will help our students become even more ready to succeed in the 21st Century, with critical skills and characteristics such as: trustworthiness, strong work ethic, motivation, problem-solving skills, goal setting, effective interpersonal skills, a sense of teamwork, academic achievement and valuing diversity in a global market. By developing the whole child, we will foster a school climate that promotes greatness.

We look forward to continued work with you and your child through the end of the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.

In partnership,

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