

Houghton Lake Community Schools

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Houghton Lake Community Education Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2023-2024 educational progress for the Houghton Lake Community Education. 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 Heidi Palatka, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [Combined Data Report](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-2024 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as a TSI (Targeted Support and Improvement) school. We worked diligently to correct this and no longer have the label for the current school year 2024/2025.

Key challenges for our school continue to be meeting the wide variety of needs of all our students. The data from our Combined Report indicate a need to address the achievement gap between socioeconomic levels. Collectively, we are addressing our students' needs by focusing on offering online courses via Edgenuity. Edgenuity has created an inviting, interactive learning environment to help guide students toward their academic success. Their courses contain standards-based instruction with lessons from expert, on-screen teachers and multimedia tools and resources.

State law requires that we also report additional information below:

When students enroll in our district, they are assigned to the school appropriate to meet their educational and non-academic needs. As we have new students join us as we look at them as a "whole child" and consider all of their needs. Our administrative and staff place them in courses and with teachers who we believe will establish caring student/teacher relationships and will challenge the students academically.

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We continue to review our strategies for our school improvement plan to meet our goals of improvement of academic success and meeting the non-academic needs of our students.

HOUGHTON LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Within the Houghton Lake Community School District, we have three schools. Collins Elementary serves Pre-K through six-grade students, Houghton Lake JR/SR High School serves seventh through twelfth-grade students, and Houghton Lake Community Education serves students from ninth grade through graduation or HSE/GED completion.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Students wanting to attend Houghton Lake Community Education should register online at

<https://www.hlcsk12.net/page/student-enrollment>

CORE CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Houghton Lake Community Education is provided by Edgenuity and follows the Michigan Content Standards in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Edgenuity teachers are encouraged to continue professional development in the best practices in each subject area.

In addition to the curriculum in the core subject areas, our students also participate in online courses based on Michigan Standards in health education, the arts, and STEM education.

A copy of the Michigan Standards can be found at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

LOCAL OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Percent of students meeting College & Career Readiness Standards	M-Step/PSAT/SAT ELA		9th	10th	11th	12th
	Spring 2023		Sub-groups too low to indicate rates			
	Spring 2024		Sub-groups too low to indicate rates			
	M-Step/PSAT/SAT Math		9th	10th	11th	11th
	Spring 2023		Sub-groups too low to indicate rates			
	Spring 2024		Sub-groups too low to indicate rates			

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PARENT ATTENDANCE AT PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

% in Attendance	1st Semester	2nd Semester
2021-22	NA	NA
2022-23	NA	NA

POST SECONDARY, AP, DUAL ENROLLMENT

Post-Secondary	2022-23	2023-24
Number/Percent of Postsecondary Enrollments (Dual Enrollment)	1%	3%
Number of College Equivalent Courses Offered (AP/IB)	0	0
Number/Percentage of Students Enrolled in College Equivalent Courses (AP/IB)	0	0
Number/Percentage of Students Receiving a Score Leading to College Credit	0	0

Houghton Lake Community Education will continue to implement research-based instructional practices, monitor student progress, and adjust to meet the needs of our students. We strive to create a healthy, safe, and productive learning environment for all students. As our administration, teacher and staff continue to build relationships with students and parents, we are striving to achieve proficiency for all students in all academic areas. Houghton Lake Community Education looks forward to the continued fostering of relationships and professional learning to provide the best educational experience for all students.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Education Report. Please contact me at 989-422-6161 or palatkah@hlcsk12.net if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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