



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 2023-24 educational progress for Birch Street 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 Arica Zenner for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, www.kpschools.com, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Birch Street Elementary = has not been given one of these labels.

All academic areas are being monitored and supported. Mathematics and reading are being addressed through ongoing progress monitoring, the use of learning goals and scales, and the implementation of research based intervention programs. Birch Street also continues to utilize Title 1 services to help close the gap in student achievement in both math and reading. The continued use of various research based intervention programs have allowed us to meet students at various levels, as well as increase the academic rigor for all.



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State law requires that we also report additional information:

ASSIGNING PUPILS TO SCHOOL: Birch Street Elementary provides education to approximately 268 students in grades PK – 2nd for Kalkaska Public Schools. Our district in northwestern lower Michigan covers 440 square miles in Kalkaska County.

STATUS OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: Each year our District School Improvement Committee reviews student achievement, goals, and strategies. The Building School Improvement Committee reviews the Self-Assessment, School Data Profile, and the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process, along with student achievement data, goals and strategies. District documents are located on the district website, www.kpschools.com. Birch Street Elementary continues to update the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process annually.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS: Birch Street is a Pk- 2nd grade building; we do not have any specialized schools.

CURRICULUM: Birch Street Elementary follows the Common Core State Standards. Curriculum maps for courses are continually being updated as new curriculum is being implemented. To obtain a copy of the current maps, please contact Arica Zenner at Birch Street Elementary.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: MSTEP test results are included in the Annual Report. A summary of the results are located on the district website. Birch Street Elementary uses the nationally normed NWEA assessment as one measure of student achievement levels. The following percentages of students met or exceeded expected growth on NWEA in reading and math in 2022 – 2023 and 2023 – 2024.

		2022-2023				2023-2024			
		Fall Proficiency	Spring Proficiency	Fall to Spring Growth	MSTEP Proficiency	Fall Proficiency	Spring Proficiency	Fall to Spring Growth	MSTEP Proficiency
Math	Kindergarten	71%	78%	65%	-	70%	69%	74%	-
	1st grade	63%	76%	71%	-	54%	64%	65%	-
	2nd grade	48%	56%	61%	-	57%	80%	81%	-
	3rd grade	65%	54%	44%	50%	62%	74%	75%	52%
Reading	Kindergarten	75%	68%	64%	-	60%	55%	55%	-
	1st grade	65%	66%	61%	-	70%	69%	72%	-
	2nd grade	37%	55%	71%	-	66%	71%	70%	-
	3rd grade	52%	70%	75%	51%	50%	54%	55%	43%



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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

2023 - 2024 Fall – 96% Spring – 90%

2022 - 2023 Fall – 94% Spring - 86%

The staff at Birch Street Elementary is proud of the educational opportunities we provide Kalkaska Public School residents. We will continue our school improvement efforts to increase student achievement in Kalkaska Public Schools. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

Sincerely,

Arica Zenner, Principal

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