



Re: Annual Education Report

February 15, 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2022-2023 educational progress for the Kalkaska Middle School. 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 Scott Morey for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <http://www.kpschools.com>. You may also review a copy from 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.

Kalkaska Middle School was identified as an additional targeted support school.

Mathematics and ELA continue to be an area that the Kalkaska Middle School struggles in on the state assessment. Within the last 5 years, the middle school has adopted new curricula to help address these needs. These curricula were purchased to address our math and ELA needs. Additionally, we have increased our understanding and use of formative assessments. This allows for us to better assess the students' understanding of the content and their progress toward mastering the necessary skills to continue. Remediation lessons, in small group format, are offered to students through number sense intervention and study skills courses assigned based on data and student need. ELA concerns, such as independent reading levels and comprehension skills, are measured by NWEA and AimswebPlus benchmark testing that is given



in the fall and spring. This year, we have implemented study skills classes as well as an after school homework club to help address gaps / deficiencies in learning.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

The Kalkaska Middle School provides education for approximately 300 students in grades 6 through 8 for Kalkaska Public Schools. Our district, in northwestern, lower Michigan covers 440 square miles in Kalkaska County and includes approximately 1400 students.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

District student achievement, goals and strategies are reviewed each year by the District School Improvement Committee. The building School Improvement Committee reviews the building Self-Assessment Report, School Data Profile, and School Improvement Plan along with student Achievement data, goals, and strategies. School improvement goals and plans are updated yearly.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

The Kalkaska Middle School houses grades 6-8. We do not have any specialized schools in our facility.

4. CURRICULUM

The Kalkaska Middle School follows the Common Core State Standards. The Science curriculum follows the Next Generation Science Standards. Curriculum maps for courses are located on the district website.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

MSTEP test results are included in the Annual Report. A summary of the results are located on the district website. MSTEP test results are provided to schools and parents as soon as they are available.



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Kalkaska Middle School*

The Middle School administers the nationally normed NWEA assessment. Student Growth results (% met adequate growth or greater) for the past two years are:

	% Met or Exceeded Expected Growth					
	2022			2023		
Subject	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Math	52%	64%	74%	46%	50%	75%
Reading	53%	76%	53%	21%	44%	65%
Language	37%	74%	53%	39%	58%	72%
Science	58%	66%	63%	52%	44%	62%

6. PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED AT PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences returned to an in-person “drop in” format for the 23-24 school year.

The following are our results:

Term	6th grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
FALL 2023	50%	47%	38%

The staff at the Kalkaska Middle School is proud of the educational opportunities we provide the Kalkaska Public School residents. We will continue to adjust our instructional practices to best serve our students in our quest to increase student achievement. We appreciate the continued support of the staff, parents, and community in this continued effort.

Sincerely,

Scott Morey
Kalkaska Middle School Principal