



# SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

876 Marquette Avenue / Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone (906) 635-6609 – Fax (906) 635-6642

Dr. Amy Scott-Kronemeyer, Superintendent

January 6, 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 Washington Elementary 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 Dr. Sheri McFarlane for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1/> 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.

Our school has not been identified with one of these labels.

We are immensely proud of the scores our school has earned in this most recent report. The report is based on the most recent data for each category.

Overall Index: 73.48 (23-24)

School Quality and Student Success 73.48 (23-24)

Ratio of Students to Instructional Staff 16:1 (23-24)

Ratio of Students to Support Staff 112:1 (23-24)

Inexperience Teachers 3.45 (23-24)

Inexperienced Principal 0 (23-24)

Teacher Emergency or Provisional Credentials 0 (23-24)  
Out of Field Teachers 0 (23-24)  
Qualified Teaching Staff 100% (23-24)  
Student Attendance 89% (23-24)

Students Who Met Growth Fall to Spring Math (NWEA MAP)  
Kindergarten 80.6%  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade 86%

Students Who Met Growth Fall to Spring Reading 23-24 (NWEA MAP)  
Kindergarten 63.8%  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade 88.1%

These scores are reflective of the following educational strategies that we have implemented over the past few years aimed at closing the gap between our highest and lowest achieving students. Some of these strategies include Addition of a Reading Specialist/Coach, Reading Recovery, Evidence Based Literacy Instruction (EBLI), University of Florida Literacy Intervention (UFLI), Intervention specialist, math and reading intervention teachers and paraprofessionals and NWEA MAP testing.

Washington School has been serving the Sault Ste. Marie community since 1953. The school's attendance area has been established by the Sault Area Public Schools. The school district has adopted the national core curriculum. The curriculum may be viewed electronically by visiting the following website:  
<http://www.eupschools.org>

Paper copies can be obtained by contacting the Washington School office. Our district/school is in year 4 of Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP), which was fully rolled out in January of 2021. Parent involvement on our school team is welcomed and encouraged. Interested parents should contact Sheri McFarlane, principal, in the school office. Washington School enjoys a high parent participation rate in various school events including parent-teacher conferences:

Fall (2023): 94%  
Spring (2024): 93 %

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of our students and school. Student success is dependent upon the cooperation and commitment of our staff, families, and community. If you would like to play a larger role in this partnership, please contact the school principal, Sheri McFarlane at 635-6639 or

[smcfarlane@eupschools.org](mailto:smcfarlane@eupschools.org) who will be glad to answer any questions that you may have or to hear your suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Sheri L. McFarlane*

Dr. Sheri L. McFarlane  
Washington Elementary Principal