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Oakview Middle School Annual Education Report (AER)

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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 2024-25 educational progress for Oakview 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 Nicholas Coccia for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://bit.ly/4pnN2uu> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-26 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 2024-25. 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 or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2024-25. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

We have a fully implemented Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process and continue to address student needs with a three-tiered approach. We conduct data team meetings three times a year to ensure that our core instruction is meeting the needs of the grade level, and then look at individual students to ensure they are making gains. Grade level teams meet weekly to review any changes in data and make necessary changes as needed. If students are not making adequate gains, a plan is put into place and monitored. We also address students who are above grade level with individualized instruction.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Oakview Middle School and Student Enrollment

Oakview Middle School is one of three neighborhood middle schools within Lake Orion Community Schools. A neighborhood school provides enrollment to those students living within the school's boundary. Students attend school with those children who are their neighbors and peers. This learning community provides a sense of trust and support in which children are nurtured and thrive. Parents are viewed as "partners" in the educational process.

Lake Orion Community Schools continues its Schools-of-Choice enrollment program to include out-of-district students for the 2024-25 school year. Spaces were available at selected schools in grades K through 8. Lake Orion also accepted Schools-of-Choice students in our Learning Options High School, an alternative learning environment for students in grades 10-12.

School Improvement

The Michigan Department of Education has made a shift in the school improvement process to a focus on the district level. The Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) is a pathway for districts to improve student outcomes by assessing whole child needs to develop plans and coordinate funds. This process includes looking at the district data and developing a goal for all buildings to work toward. The staff regularly conducts quarterly data team meetings to review the data and put interventions in place. Grade levels meet weekly to review data and make any necessary changes. We have committee meetings monthly to review our district improvement goals. The 3-5 year District School Improvement Plan may be viewed on the district website at <https://bit.ly/31mCE1f>.

Lake Orion Community Schools has identified the following goal for all buildings:

- LOCS goal is to decrease the district gap by 10% for reading and math between economically disadvantaged students and non-economically disadvantaged students as measured by state assessments and/or district benchmark assessments by June 7, 2030.

Specialized Schools

Our school district provides educational programs, services, and support to certified special education students throughout the district. During the 2024-25 school year, there were 846 students who needed special education support services.

Curriculum

Lake Orion Community Schools continues to implement a comprehensive curriculum for all students. The curriculum is based on and aligns with Michigan Standards for all courses and subject matter, and state-mandated graduation requirements. The curriculum at Oakview is synonymous with the district's curriculum. Additional information on the curriculum can be found at <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/departments/teaching-and-learning/curriculum>

At Oakview Middle School we use a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods (in addition to M-STEP) to assess the whole child. Students are assessed both formally and informally in all classes using a variety of instruments including projects, performances and technology-based presentations. Renaissance Star, FastBridge, and common assessments in mathematics, language arts, science and social studies are administered to all students. We also administer a computer adaptive norm referenced screener in math and reading to all students. These assessments allow us to learn each student's current skills and identify those who need additional support.

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Grades 6-8

	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# tested	% proficient	# tested	% proficient
Star Math / aMath Grade 6	Mathematics	163	86%	159	86%
Star Reading / aReading Grade 6	Reading	166	83%	159	89%
Star Math / aMath Grade 7	Mathematics	165	79%	176	84%
Star Reading / aReading Grade 7	Reading	165	83%	176	86%
Star Math / aMath Grade 8	Mathematics	182	76%	112	71%
Star Reading / aReading Grade 8	Reading	181	81%	112	82%

Parent Participation

Parents participate in a wide range of activities at Oakview. Our parents are active through their attendance at school events (the arts, academic, and athletic based events) and their generosity in time and finances through our PTO allows us to run field trips and other worthwhile programs at Oakview. During the 2024-25 school year, parent-teacher conferences were held in-person and via video meetings.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Fall Conferences

2023-2024 Total – 240/453 (53.0%)

2024-2025 Total – 241/512 (47.1%)

Spring Conferences

2023-2024 Total – 176/456 (38.6%)

2024-2025 Total – 184/512 (35.9%)

Points of Pride

Schools to Watch

Oakview Middle School was designated a 2024-2025 Schools to Watch. Oakview prides itself on receiving this esteemed honor 5 times since 2006. Oakview is one of 600 middle schools across 17 states that has received this honor from the National Forum for focusing on serving the social, emotional, and academic needs of each student in culturally relevant and inclusive ways. The National Forum is a nonprofit educators' association dedicated to improving education and school-based supports for all young adolescents in the middle grades. To learn more about what it means to receive this designation, please visit [Schools to Watch](#).

The Positivity Project

P2 is a social emotional program that teaches positive psychology's 24-character strengths and empowers students to build positive relationships. Students at Oakview explore specific character strengths each week.

MI HEARTSafe School

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association, and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young has honored Oakview Middle School with the MI HEARTSafe School award for 2022-2025. Oakview staff was trained by district nurses, Sarah Cummings and Sue Arnott, to prevent sudden cardiac death by creating a safer learning environment for Oakview and the community.

Michigan Green School

Oakview was certified as a Michigan Evergreen Green School by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Oakview was designated as Emerald Status because our Civic Life students completed more than 20 environmental goals which include protecting the air, land, water and animals of our state. Oakview Civic Life students were invited to participate in the GreenPrize and Michigan Green Schools award ceremony at the Detroit Zoo.

WEB, Where Everybody Belongs

WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from 8th grade to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 6th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate 6th grade success.

More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in middle school, their chances for success increase dramatically. WEB provides the structure for 6th graders to receive support and guidance from 8th graders who have been through the challenges that middle school poses and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

In addition to the above, the WEB leaders also incorporate whole school activities to ensure students know that they are each valued and a part of the Oakview Family.

Musical Performing Arts

Oakview's talented choir students consistently earn a place in the prestigious MSVMA State Honors Choir each year, showcasing their dedication and exceptional vocal skills. On March 20, 2024, Oakview choir students proudly performed the National Anthem at a Detroit Pistons game, demonstrating their artistry on a professional stage.

The cast and crew of Oakview's Spring musical, *Matilda JR*, not only delivered an incredible performance but also made a meaningful impact by raising \$1,021.53 for Oxford/Orion FISH, supporting their community with generosity and heart.

Three outstanding band students earned the prestigious honor of being selected for the MSBOA All-State Ensembles! These talented musicians rose to the top through a rigorous audition process, competing against over a thousand exceptional students from secondary schools across the state. Their dedication and hard work exemplify the excellence of our music program.

Yearbook

The yearbook will be created by nearly 30 eighth grade students. Students start with a theme and then, with use of their own photography, design the entire book by using a platform, operated by Jostens, known as Yearbook Avenue.

Robotics

Oakview has the benefit of supporting two First Robotics Teams, the Oakview CyberDragons and the Hydra Dragons, a tri-middle team with students from Oakview, Scripps and Waldon Middle Schools. The Oakview CyberDragons, FTC #8580, had a fantastic season. At the Kentwood Qualifier the team earned the 1st place Connect Award and they were the Winning Alliance, 1st Pick. At this qualifier the team earned a ticket to compete at the NW Michigan State Championship. At the Rochester Qualifier the team won 3rd place for the Inspire award and were the 3rd Alliance Captain. During the NW MI State Championship the CyberDragons had a super strong showing and ended the event with the 2nd Place Think award and were Division Finalists for the Woodie Flowers division. Outside of the competitions the CyberDragons completed over 1050 hours of outreach. The team held STEM nights at Blanche Sims, Orion Township Library, Cookies & Cream, and Jimmy John's Baseball field. The team also volunteered 7 times at the Oakland HOPE food pantry and helped feed over 1640 families. In addition the team participated in the Adopt-A-Road program, cleaned the beaches at Bald Mountain, raised money with a bottle drive for Pan Equus Animal Sanctuary, volunteered at the Congenital Heart Walk of Detroit, and assisted the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority with a movie night in the park event. The Hydra Dragons Team was established as a brand new team at the beginning of 2023/2024 FTC Robotics Season. They have a unique trait of being a Tri-Middle School Team combining forces from are Oakview, Waldon, and Scripps Middle Schools combined. We strive for solidarity and uniformity between the three schools!

Last Season, as a Rookie Team during Competitions, we received the Awards:

- **Motivate Award** @ MI North Branch FTC Qualifier.
- **Finalist Alliance - 1st Team Selected** @ MI Flint FTC Qualifier (Qualified us for States).
- **Think Award - 3rd Place** @ MI Flint FTC Qualifier.
- We also participated in a Unique Girls Competition in May where the Hydra Dragon Girls received an award for **Finalist Alliance - Captain** @ MI Girls R GRAYT FTC Event.
- For the week after our first competition last season we were rated 4th in the world for our end game scoring.

As a cohesive team for Lake Orion, we strive to give back to our own community. We spent the entire summer volunteering and donating our time and energy to Forgotten Harvest and the Village Food Pantry. One BIG THING we accomplished with Village Food Pantry was Filling MANY shopping carts to the maximum as an Outreach, I added a picture of it below. This allowed us to serve members in our community who have basic needs that need to be met! We also created a Scouts and Robotics night this past Spring. This allowed the local Scouts teams to participate in the Middle School Robotics world!

Civic Life

Seventh-grade Civic Life students have demonstrated remarkable dedication to their community by successfully raising funds for multiple organizations during their first school year. Their efforts supported the Michigan Animal Rescue League, helping provide care and shelter for animals in need, and Grace Centers of Hope, contributing to services for individuals facing homelessness and addiction. They also extended their support to Operation Gratitude, benefiting military personnel and first responders, and Orion/Oxford FISH, an organization focused on assisting local families with food and resources. Additionally, they partnered with a non-profit called Motor City Mitten Mission to make mats for homeless people out of plastic bags. These accomplishments highlight the students' commitment to civic engagement and their ability to make a meaningful impact in their community.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) takes immense pride in its numerous contributions to the community, demonstrating exceptional leadership, compassion, and commitment. Among their many accomplishments, the organization and execution of the Oxford/Orion Fish Food Drive stand out, providing essential support to local families in need. Their Day of Service focused on giving back to Oakview by enhancing its building and grounds, fostering a sense of pride in their own school. NJHS members also generously purchased items for the Ronald McDonald House Wishlist, bringing comfort to families in challenging times. During the holidays, they adopted local families, ensuring that those less fortunate had something to celebrate. Additionally, they donated funds to Leader Dog for the Blind, supporting the organization's life-changing mission, and even took on the ambitious project of constructing picnic tables for Oakview, leaving a lasting legacy for future students to enjoy. Each initiative showcases the NJHS's dedication to service and their impact on the community.

Grant and Fundraising Opportunities

Oakview staff have been proactive in seeking and securing grants and other fundraising initiatives that directly benefit students. Thanks to their efforts, they funded enriching field trips for students, offering valuable experiences outside the classroom. Additionally, staff obtained funding to purchase a stationary desk bike for the Oakview Support Room, providing a unique tool to help students focus and regulate energy. To further encourage positive behavior, they were able to implement monthly incentives, with rewards such as passes to the Michigan Outdoor Adventure Center, Top Golf, Collier Lanes, and Royal Oak Golf Center, recognizing students' efforts to excel. Moreover, staff, with the support of Lake Orion families, raised \$350 through dine-to-donate events, which was used to purchase incentives for Oakview's Positivity Project, further fostering a culture of encouragement and recognition. These initiatives showcase the staff's dedication to creating a supportive, engaging, and positive environment for all students.

Media Center

Oakview's media specialist, Ms. Kat Montei, received the award for the 2024 School Library Media Program of the Year, recognizing the dedication to fostering an outstanding library environment. Through innovative programs, Ms. Montei has enriched student learning, encouraged a love of reading, and supported the academic success of Oakview students. This award highlights her commitment to making the library a vibrant, educational hub for the Oakview community. Ms. Montei was also honored as the MLA 2024 Michigan School Librarian of the Year for her dedication to innovation and collaboration in the school library setting.

Sincerely,

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