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Lake Orion High 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 Lake Orion High 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. Daniel Haas for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://bit.ly/44VeDft> 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.

Lake Orion High School staff continue to identify that socioeconomic diversity is a challenge in attaining resources for and meeting the needs of every student. Our goal is to keep our focus on a high level of achievement for all students. Many initiatives have been established to address key areas of need throughout the school. Several of these initiatives are listed below:

- The student-created SOS group is partnered with community organizations to work for adolescent emotional health and prevent teen suicide.
- The LOHS Diversity Committee continues to develop and focus on the following: visual diversity representation, diversity educational opportunities for staff and students, staff diversity professional development, and diversity activities for staff and students.
- The Math Lab continues to help Algebra 1 students reinforce basic computation skills in a small setting.
- The Accelerated Adolescent Reading Initiative continues to use new research and strategies to provide small group reading instruction for students below grade level.
- Lake Orion High School is committed to continuing with social work supports through with a general education social worker. This individual works closely with students needing a greater level of emotional and/or mental support. This individual works closely with students needing a greater level of emotional and/or mental support.

- Lake Orion Community Schools have partnered with Easterseals this school year. Easterseals meet with students at designated schools in the district. Lake Orion High School is one of the buildings that are now able to have students meet with their Easter Seals counselor on site once a week.
- Lake Orion High School is in year two of implementation of a dynamic Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS). This systematic approach utilizes school counselors and administration for academic intervention for students at risk of failing courses and, ultimately, not graduating with their cohort.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Lake Orion High School and Student Enrollment

Lake Orion High School is the only high school within Lake Orion Community Schools. It houses students in grades 9-12. Lake Orion High School offers a broad-based curriculum with numerous options for all students. Enrollment is open only to those students living within the Lake Orion Community School's boundary.

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 goals 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

Lake Orion Community Schools offers Learning Options, an alternative high school program that offers students a second chance for different levels of success by creating an environment for individual learning styles through strong student teacher relationships. The program provides students with the skills necessary for life after high school. Through hard work, determination, and teamwork students learn to trust themselves, and one another, while working towards personal goals.

Lake Orion High School students also have an opportunity to attend the International Academy. The International Academy is a public, tuition-free, high school of choice for students of 14 Oakland County school districts collaborating in consortium with university and business partners. Commencing ninth grade, it provides a unique blend of rigorous academic standards and practical, career-related learning throughout the 190-day school year. Featuring the world-recognized International Baccalaureate as the centerpiece of its curriculum, it concentrates on preparing students for success in past secondary education and the world beyond. Lake Orion selects ten students each year to enter the International Academy. The ten students are selected through a lottery held at Lake Orion Community Schools.

Lake Orion High School juniors and seniors also can enroll at Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OSTC). They will attend either the morning or the afternoon session along with students from Pontiac, Avondale, Rochester and Oxford school districts. Students will earn four (4) credits at Lake Orion High School and four (4) credits at OSTC per year. Bus transportation is provided for all students attending OSTC.

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 the Michigan Standards. The curriculum at Lake Orion High School is synonymous with the district’s curriculum. Additional information on the curriculum can be found at <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/teaching-and-learning/curriculum>

Local Assessments

At LOHS we use a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods (in addition to MME) 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. Common assessments in mathematics, language arts, science and social studies are administered to all students. Results of the Common Assessments are available in each department.

Parent Participation

Parents participate in a wide range of activities at LOHS. 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 LOHS. 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 – 1619/1771 (91%)

2024-2025 Total – 1612/1846 (87%)

Spring Conferences

2023-2024 Total – 668/1776 (37%)

2024-2025 Total – 1078/1897 (56%)

Post-Secondary and Advanced Placement Enrollment

Post-Secondary and Advanced Placement Enrollment	2023-2024		2024-2025	
Early Middle College (Dual Enrollment)	19	0.9%	77	3.8%
College Equivalent Courses Offered (AP)	19	n/a	19	n/a
Students Enrolled in College Equivalent Courses (AP)	1036	49.4%	1066	52.4%
Students Receiving a Score Leading to College Credit	363	82.1%	513	87.0%

Points of Pride

Student Programs

- SAT [average scores](#) are well above the national and state average.
- Students have access to a robust selection of [AP classes](#) and take AP exams in over 25 subject areas.
- Majority of faculty have master’s degrees or higher. All teachers are considered "highly qualified" by the Michigan Department of Education.
- Students can earn college credit through AP exams, dual enrollment, and CTE courses—saving time and money while exploring both academic and career-focused pathways.
- Awarded National Blue Ribbon School status. Accreditation through North Central Association of Schools.
- Lake Orion Community Schools Ranked in the Top 40 (#26) School Districts in the state of Michigan (of over 500) by [Niche.com](#). One of the top four schools in Oakland County for graduation rate.
- The school is adjacent to [Bald Mountain State Recreation Area](#), providing opportunities for unique student experiences in Physical Education, Science, Experiential Education, and Athletics programs. High ropes course on the high school premises for team-building and physical activity.
- All students complete a minimum [20 service hours](#) to integrate community involvement with education and curriculum.
- The [Learning Center](#) is a technologically advanced space that supports the diverse learning needs of all students.

- LOHS has a vibrant [Fine and Performing Arts Department](#), including courses in Communication Arts, Musical Arts, Theatrical Arts, and Visual Arts.
- The MTSS program has successfully helped students with targeted Tier-2 interventions. By using MySAEBRS, STAR Math, and STAR Reading, along with grade, attendance, and behavioral data, the MTSS team is able to implement directed strategies to help students be successful in their classes.
- [Sources of Strength](#) program empowers over 120 trained student leaders to promote hope, resilience, help-seeking, and belonging through student-led, strength-based mental health initiatives supported by adult advisors.
- Dragon Broadcast Program named "Best Overall Program" among high schools across the nation by the NFHS Network. Individual broadcast/video students have won countless state and national awards and scholarships. Learn more here: www.dragonbroadcasting.org

Post-Secondary Outcomes

- Our current graduating class rate is over 97% and more than 96% attend post-secondary education, enlist in the military, or attend a vocational trade school after graduation, earning millions in scholarships on an annual basis, including full academic and athletic scholarships.
- The strong support from our local community is highlighted on Honors Night when local scholarships are awarded. Close to \$75,000 in local scholarships was given to our graduating seniors, reflecting a meaningful investment in their futures and achievements.
- Many notable alumni, including a NASA astronaut, General Motors CEO, martial arts world champion, professional athletes, high-ranking military officers, actors, broadcasters, filmmakers, scientists, musicians, authors, professional educators, and many more outstanding alumni. See our LOHS [Wall of Excellence page](#) for more information.

Career-Focused Education

- All students explore and choose a "[career pathway](#)" to guide educational choices toward a future occupation.
- On-campus Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including Architecture, Automotive Technology, Broadcasting, Business Administration/Finance/Management/Marketing & Sales, Computer Programming and Cybersecurity, Engineering and Mechanical CAD, Future Educators, and Health Science
- Partnership with [Oakland Schools Technical Campus](#) (OSTC) to offer students additional career focused education and training opportunities.
- Robust [School-To-Career/Work Based Learning/Internship](#) opportunities that provide students with real world, hands-on, relevant work experience.

Extracurricular Activities and Athletics

- Over 40 [interscholastic athletic programs](#) offered. Over 70 and counting [extracurricular clubs and activities](#) offered, including competitive [marching band](#), student-produced dramatic Thespians productions, [FIRST Robotics Team 302](#), diversity-oriented clubs, multiple honor societies, recreational clubs, and academic clubs in every subject area.
- LOHS has been recognized as a top Athletic Program in the state of Michigan.
- Multiple League, District, Regional, and State Championships and consistent recognition of Academic All-State teams and athletes each year.
- Each year, multiple student-athletes receive athletic scholarships to continue their education and athletic career at the collegiate level.
- Dedicated coaching staff (180+ coaches) including multiple Hall of Fame Coaches.
- Takes great pride in its thriving Unified Sports program, including Unified Basketball and the Unified Soccer Team, which brings together students with and without intellectual disabilities to compete, connect, and build meaningful relationships.

Sincerely,

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