



## Orion Oaks Elementary Annual Education Report (AER)

January 28, 2026

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 Orion Oaks 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 Dakotah Cooper for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://bit.ly/4qDCyIE> 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.

### *Orion Oaks Elementary and Student Enrollment*

Orion Oaks Elementary is one of six elementary neighborhood 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 playmates. 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 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

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 Orion Oaks 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>

### Local Assessments

At Orion Oaks Elementary we use a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods (in addition to M-STEP) to assess the whole child.

#### Kindergarten

Assessment	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# Tested	%	# Tested	%
FastBridge Early Reading Composite	Reading			86	70%
FastBridge Number Identification	Math			79	73%
Star Early Literacy	Reading	70	63%		
Star Math	Mathematics	51	55%		

#### Grade 1

Assessment	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# Tested	%	# Tested	%
FastBridge Early Reading Composite	Reading			81	79%
FastBridge Decomposing	Mathematics			80	71%
Star Early Literacy / Star Reading	Reading	82	67%		
Star Math	Mathematics	80	66%		

**Grade 2**

Assessment	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# Tested	%	# Tested	%
FastBridge aReading	Reading			76	63%
FastBridge aMath	Mathematics			74	65%
Star Reading	Reading	73	79%		
Star Math	Mathematics	73	75%		

**Grade 3**

Assessment	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# Tested	%	# Tested	%
FastBridge aReading	Reading			90	62%
FastBridge aMath	Mathematics			88	65%
Star Reading	Reading	72	69%		
Star Math	Mathematics	72	69%		

**Grade 4**

Assessment	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# Tested	%	# Tested	%
FastBridge aReading	Reading			112	66%
FastBridge aMath	Mathematics			112	62%
Star Reading	Reading	93	59%		
Star Math	Mathematics	93	66%		

**Grade 5**

Assessment	Content	Spring 2025 % Proficient		Spring 2024 % Proficient	
		# Tested	%	# Tested	%
FastBridge aReading	Reading			58	71%
FastBridge aMath	Mathematics			58	67%
Star Reading	Reading	105	72%		
Star Math	Mathematics	106	63%		

**Parent Participation**

Parents/guardians have given a great deal of their time to support students and staff by volunteering in classrooms, on field trips, in the media center, for the PTO, and by raising funds to support school projects. Individual school-wide parent-teacher conferences are held each year, and we are very pleased with the attendance of parents and guardians. 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 – 506/530 (95.4%)

2024-2025 Total – 499/512 (97.4%)

**Spring Conferences**

2023-2024 Total – 502/530 (94.7%)

2024-2025 Total – 497/512 (97.1%)

### *Points of Pride*

The 2024-25 school year brought many exciting events and opportunities to the Orion Oaks Community, and we are very proud of all of them.

- We are recognized as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School & an Energy Star School
- Our student philanthropic efforts have included donating time, money, and supplies to charities such as Orion Veterans Memorial, Mott Children's Hospital, Lake Orion Lions Club, Team Seas & American Heart Association
- Orion Oaks installed a core vocabulary board on the playground to increase students' opportunity to communicate outside of our school
- We partner with student groups at LOHS, such as the Leadership Class, High School Cadets & NHS to host student mentors and volunteers
- Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports the Orion Oaks community through fundraising and hosting events such as our annual Fun Run/Warrior Dash, Trunk or Treat, Holiday Gift Shop & Spring Fling
- We partner with several community businesses to put on a Day of Service that benefits our community and/or students including Pomeroy Living Assisted Care facility, Home Depot, Lake Orion Lions Club & many others
- We partner with the Early Childhood Center (ECC) for service projects including the Day of Service Project and Holiday Support
- We implement the Positivity Project daily in all classrooms
- Each week Orion Oaks highlights students, staff, leaders, positivity, giving back, and good news in our Community Circle that is shared building wide and with families
- We have a bi-weekly partnership with the Orion Township Library

For a complete listing of the Orion Oaks Points of Pride please visit our website, <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/orion-oaks-elementary/about-us/points-of-pride>.

The high expectations found in every classroom are demonstrated by student achievement and the wide variety of activities in which students chose to participate. With the continued dedication of the Orion Oaks PTO, the children of Lake Orion will continue benefiting from our exceptional educational institution by being well prepared for the skills necessary in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,

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