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2025-2026 Annual Education Report



Buchanan Elementary School

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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 Buchanan Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about accountability, student assessment, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jen Wilson, Principal of Buchanan Elementary, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Buchanan Website](#) or you may review a copy by contacting the Buchanan Elementary School office.

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 group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group 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%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of those labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The AER has two major sections to it that are required by state law. The information contained in the first section was compiled by district staff. It presents relevant information about our district, our academic programs, school improvement efforts, two years of results on district developed assessments and nationally norm referenced assessments. It also includes the district's parent involvement policy and specialized programs.

The second section of the report contains information provided by the Michigan Department of Education and is required to be presented in MDE format.

The Buchanan Elementary staff will focus our improvement efforts on the fundamental areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science. i-Ready Math has been identified as a key challenge across grades 1–4, as it requires students to apply strong number sense, flexible thinking, and perseverance when solving problems. To address this, several initiatives are being implemented to strengthen math instruction and student understanding. Teachers are incorporating daily number talks to encourage students to think about numbers in different ways and explain multiple strategies for solving problems. Classrooms are also using hands-on math tasks with wipe boards and collaborative group thinking to increase engagement and allow students to learn from one another. In addition, teachers are committed to teaching the math

curriculum with fidelity to ensure consistency, rigor, and alignment to grade-level expectations, supporting student growth and confidence in mathematics.

State law requires that we also report additional information as found on the following pages.

Buchanan is showing so much growth academically and emotionally, with intervention, quality tier one teaching and quality curriculum we will continue this upward trend. We are very proud of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wilson
Buchanan Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

At Buchanan Elementary, our mission is to educate, empower, and encourage the whole child, to create a productive member of society.

Buchanan Collective Priorities:

1. Safety: Staff and students will help create and maintain a teaching and learning environment that is physically and emotionally safe for all.
2. Climate: Staff and students will promote a school environment that is both positive and supportive.
3. Expectations: Staff and students will work together to foster a growth mindset and apply expectations that are continually discussed, modeled and practiced.
4. Authentic Learning: Staff and students will engage in learning that has a clear purpose and builds a foundation for college and career readiness.
5. Focused Goals and Curriculum: Staff and students will focus on prioritized standards that encourage a deep understanding and application of higher-level skills in context.

SCHOOL PROFILE

Buchanan Elementary School serves 489 students in young fives through fourth grade. Included in the 35 certified staff are the principal, general education classroom teachers, special education classroom teachers, elementary support teachers, teachers of speech and language, teachers of art, music, and physical education, literacy coaches and a media specialist. Additionally, there is a school psychologist, school social worker, occupational therapist, and physical therapist.

Assisting all of us in keeping our school operating in an organized and efficient manner, keeping the building clean, serving nutritious food, and helping teachers and students are custodians, a secretary, cook, and assistant cook.

ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

All students are assigned to Buchanan Elementary based upon attendance, within the geographic boundaries of the school as well as students who transfer in based on seats available.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School improvement is a process by which stakeholders in a school, work cooperatively to improve student achievement. An analysis of student achievement data led Buchanan Elementary Staff to focus our improvement efforts on the fundamental areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science. 100% of the staff agree or strongly agree that our school has a culture of school improvement. 100% of the staff agree or strongly agree that they understand

the school priorities. We have developed action plans using proven interventions and are annually documenting our progress toward the achievement of these goals.

More specifically, for the 2025-2028 school years, Buchanan will focus on the following school improvement goals:

ELA (Reading and Writing) Goal- Buchanan will see a 2% increase in the number of students that are proficient in identifying the main idea and key details in an informational text as measured by the school performance task. Buchanan will also see a 2% increase overall in student performance on the M-Step.

Math Goal: Buchanan will see a 2% increase in the number of students that are proficient in making sense of mathematical story problems as measured by the school performance task. Buchanan will also see a 2% increase overall in student performance on the M-Step.

For the 2022-2025 school years, Buchanan focused on the following:

Reading Goal: All students at Buchanan Elementary School will be proficient in the Standard Literacy Reading. Students will demonstrate proficiency in reading closely to determine what the text says explicitly to make logical references from it and cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking.

Math Goal: All students at Buchanan Elementary School will become proficient in mathematics. A 3% increase of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in making sense of mathematical story problems and demonstrate perseverance when attempting to solve them in mathematics.

Writing Goal: All students at Buchanan Elementary School will become proficient in the Standard Literacy Writing 2.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS

At the elementary level, students may be enrolled in Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) at Webster Elementary School, Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School and special education centers at Coolidge, Grant, Johnson, Randolph and Webster. A preschool and a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is operated at the Livonia Early Childhood Center, and preschool special education programs are located at Roosevelt Elementary and Livonia Early Childhood Center. Other special education programs are available in western Wayne County for our students with disabilities, based upon their individual needs. Specific information about these programs is available on the district Web site at www.livoniapublicschools.org.

CORE CURRICULUM

The core curriculum at Buchanan Elementary provides learning experiences in reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling, handwriting, mathematics, social studies, science, technology, health, physical education, art, vocal music, and enrichment activities. The core curriculum is based on the Michigan Department of Education Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts, the State of Michigan Social Studies Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.

The goal of education is to provide all learners with a foundation of skills, knowledge and understandings that are necessary for their growth and success as students within our school

settings and as adults in society. We believe that a successful graduate encapsulates the attributes and competencies we strive to cultivate in every student, preparing them for future success in their personal and professional lives. We have thoughtfully and meticulously created a list of characteristics we believe that every student who graduates from Livonia Public Schools will carry with them into their bright futures. To achieve this vision, Livonia Public Schools is committed to providing:

- **Engaging Curriculum:** Providing a challenging and relevant curriculum that fosters creativity and critical thinking.
- **Supportive Environment:** Creating a safe and nurturing environment that encourages exploration, curiosity, and personal growth.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborating with families, community organizations, and local businesses to enhance educational opportunities and career readiness.
- **Professional Development:** Investing in our educators to ensure they have the tools and resources necessary to guide our students toward success.

A copy of the core curriculum may be obtained from the district's Academic Services Department.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ON DISTRICT DEVELOPED AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

The following tables, show the results of local testing for the district. Students are assessed using district created benchmark assessments, running records and I Ready Diagnostic Assessment.

DISTRICT LITERACY ASSESSMENTS

Students in kindergarten are assessed on a one-on-one basis regularly during the school year to measure progress toward grade-level literacy skills. The following table, Early Literacy Benchmark Assessment - Kindergarten, shows the results of this testing by school and district.

EARLY LITERACY BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT – KINDERGARTEN		
Spring 2025	Letter Identification	Letter Sounds
Buchanan	99.1%	97.2%
District	99%	93.1%
Spring 2024	Letter Identification	Letter Sounds
Buchanan	98.1%	72.4%
District	94.6%	67.9%

Students in grades K-4 are assessed using running records with comprehension to students one-on-one. Kindergarten teachers administer running records with comprehension in the spring and at the end of the school year. Students in grades 1-4 are assessed multiple times each year. The following table shows the percent of students at each grade level that performed at or above grade level on this assessment.

RUNNING RECORDS ASSESSMENTS					
GRADES K-4					
Percent of students that Performed At or Above Grade Level					
Spring 2025	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Buchanan	84.8%	78.6%	85.1%	88.8%	72.3%
District	77.1%	65.6%	73.8%	70.6%	70.7%
Spring 2024	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Buchanan	78.5%	67.4%	94.5%	92.9%	61.6%
District	63.7%	66.8%	75.9%	75.4%	69%

The following chart shows the percentage of students at each grade level that performed at or above grade level on the i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment at the end of the school year.

Kindergarten students are assessed on their attainment of grade-level reading standards two times during the school year using the i-Ready Reading Diagnostic Assessment. In grades 1-4, students are assessed on three or more times during the school year to drive instruction and interventions.

i-READY READING					
Percent of Students Mid or Above Grade Level					
Spring 2025	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Buchanan	78%	60%	54%	56%	58%
District	59.7%	62.3%	54.7%	51%	46.8%
Spring 2024	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Buchanan	61%	65%	71%	61%	44%
District	62%	59%	55%	49%	38%

DISTRICT MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS

The following chart shows the percentage of students at each grade level that performed at or above grade level on the i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment at the end of the school year.

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i-READY Mathematics					
Percent of Students Mid or Above Grade Level					
Spring 2025	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Buchanan	64%	43%	46%	36%	51%
District	56%	54%	43%	43%	51%
Spring 2024	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Buchanan	63%	49%	49%	41%	53%
District	58%	54%	40%	45%	48%

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

In the fall of 2025, 96% of parents attended Parent teacher conferences at Buchanan Elementary School. We held 469 conferences for 486 students. 457 were in person and 12 were virtual.

In the Fall of 2024, 99% of parents attended Parent Teacher Conferences at Buchanan Elementary School. We held 480 conferences for 483 students.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The district's Parent Involvement Plan is available on the district's website, which is linked to each school's website.

BOARD POLICY

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INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

September 23, 2024

The Board strongly encourages and welcomes the engagement of families in all of the District's educational programs. It is recognized and appreciated that family members are the "first teachers" of their children, and that their interest and involvement in the education of their children should not diminish once their child enters the schools of the District. The administration shall design a program/plan that will encourage family engagement that may include, but not be limited to: the review of instructional materials; input on the ways that the District may better provide family members with information concerning current laws, regulations, and instructional programs; and District offerings of training programs to guide family members on how to become more involved in their child's educational programs.

Pursuant to state law, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall provide a copy of the District's Family Engagement plan to all families.

DATA FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data

Includes the following four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This section of the report presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7 and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials.
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified.

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety.

This link: [MiSchool Data – Buchanan](#) will take you to the reports provided by the Michigan Department of Education for Buchanan Elementary School.