



# Cook 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 Cook 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 Mrs. Tia Dale, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://www.gbcs.org/our-district/annual-education-reports> or you may review a copy in the main office here at Cook Elementary 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, 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 given one of these labels.

While the pandemic was over five years ago, it continues to have disruptive effects on the educational process. Some challenges we see include decreased attendance rates, lower achievement results and students, as well as parents, who are fearful about the health and well being of their child. With that said, we are proud of the unending commitment of our families and staff to overcome unprecedented challenges in order to best meet student's needs. We are still utilizing local assessments to monitor student progress and provide intervention where needed. Our staff has participated in professional development in diversity, equity and inclusion as well as changing technology needs to meet the dynamic needs of the environment we are operating in. All the while we continue to be committed to our goals of culturally responsive teaching, character education, and parent and family engagement.

State law requires that we also report additional information below:

- 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL**

Resident students attend the school in the attendance area of the Grand Blanc Community School District in which they reside. The Grand Blanc Community School District does have a policy and a process for School of Choice requests. Copies of this policy and procedures are available through the Central Administration Office.

**2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Cook Elementary School has continuously reviewed and revised our School Improvement Plan based on our review of data and student needs. Our professional learning communities use our teacher/district assessments, M-STEP (when available), and other data to determine student's needs. Teachers utilize best practices and targeted instruction to ensure all students are making progress and achieve goals. We have written specific goals to close the achievement gap in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies, as well as to address school culture and social-emotional learning.

**3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL**

Grand Blanc Community Schools offers students the opportunity to apply for admission to the Bobcat Innovation In-Person Program (formerly Perry Innovation Center), a 2nd-8th Grade Lower and Upper School. The school format affords opportunities in extending the regular elementary and middle school curriculum in a purpose-based and blended learning environment. However, in the strides our district has made with technology saturation and best practices, all of our buildings are utilizing these innovative strategies to meet the needs of our learners.

In response to increased demand for exclusively online teaching and learning, Grand Blanc Community Schools established the Bobcat Innovation Virtual Program (previously Bobcat Virtual). This is an online educational program established for families with students in grades K-12 looking for a robust, fully virtual option for their child(ren). Bobcat Innovation Virtual classes are facilitated by our Grand Blanc Community Schools' own certified teachers. The classes are fully endorsed, accredited, and supported by the Grand Blanc Community School district. If they choose to do so, students who attend Bobcat Innovation Virtual may participate in extracurricular activities including athletics.

To meet the needs of families wanting even more flexibility of programming, Grand Blanc Community Schools developed and established the Bobcat Innovation Hybrid Program. This program was created at the 2nd-5th grade level for the 24-25 school year. The Hybrid Program utilizes the same virtual courses, curriculum, and teachers that our virtual program offers. Students work through the curriculum from home on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but attend school in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hybrid students may also participate in extracurricular activities including athletics. 6th-12th grade students also will have a hybrid option as they can take both virtual, and in-person classes.

**4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL**

The district has worked diligently to incorporate the state core curriculum, including the Common Core Standards for ELA and Math along with the Michigan standards and

benchmarks, in other areas of the district's curriculum offerings. Core curriculum areas necessitating such attention include: Social Studies, Science, Health, Physical Education, Art and Technology. The district's core curriculum is available for review at the district's administration building or on our district web site under "Departments" and then "Curriculum". <https://www.gbcs.org/our-district/departments/curriculum>

**5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

As a Young Fives through 2nd Grade School, Cook Elementary School does not administer State or National achievement tests.

**6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

2024 Fall Conferences – 94% Attendance Rate

2025 Spring Conferences – 100% Attendance Rate

The perseverance of our students, families, and staff this year is a shining example that education is lifelong. We can overcome any challenge as long as we work together with a positive spirit. On behalf of the staff at Cook Elementary School we would like to thank our school community for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Tia M. Dale, Ed.S, LPC  
Cook Elementary School Principal