



School Annual Education Report (AER) Sunset Lake Elementary

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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 2022-23 educational progress for Sunset Lake Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality information. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Amie McCaw, Principal, at 269-321-1500 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website for [Sunset Lake Elementary](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-24 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 2022-23. 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 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given, as is the case with Sunset Lake Elementary.

Sunset Lake utilizes the district assessments STAR Math and STAR Reading to assess our students' learning progress. The tests are nationally normed and help guide our instruction and student support throughout the school year. The STAR assessments are given four times a year. After each assessment, the need of extra student support is assessed, and our educational supports are shifted based on the needs of our students.

State law requires we also report additional information:



Process for assigning pupils to the school:

Elementary students are assigned to one of three school buildings based on geographical boundaries to utilize the district's teaching and facility resources fully. It is sometimes necessary to transfer some students from one attendance area to another. We attempt to assign Schools of Choice students to the closest building geographically, but it first depends upon availability.

Status of the School Improvement Plan:

Sunset Lake Elementary utilized the state's documentation format known as The School Improvement Framework to input significant data related to the school's improvement goals.

Sunset Lake Elementary's school improvement goals are:

1. All students will be proficient in math.
2. All students will be proficient in reading.
3. All students will be proficient in writing.
4. All students will increase their social studies proficiency.
5. All students will increase their science proficiency.
6. All teachers at Vicksburg Schools will be proficient with instructional technology.
7. All students will demonstrate positive behavior.

Specialized Schools:

- Bulldog Beginnings - Bulldog Beginnings preschool focuses on school readiness skills in a fun, play-based format. Bulldog Beginnings is entirely FREE to families who meet the qualifications. This includes transportation, meals, snacks, parent education programs, and field trips.
- Early Childhood Special Education is a special education classroom environment designed to provide school-aged students with disabilities services to prepare them for kindergarten.
- Hearing, vision, and Occupational Therapy Consultation Services – These specialists support our students within the classroom setting.
- Social Work, Speech, and Occupational Therapy – These services are offered to all students.

Core Curriculum:

The area that has the most impact on student achievement is the Common Core



State Standards, which are aligned with our curriculum and programming. Common Core State Standards are used in K-12 for English Language Arts and Math. The Battle Creek Math and Science Kits, our instructional resource for science in grades K-5, are aligned to the Michigan Science Standards, and the MC3 is used for Social Studies for grades K-5.

The Core Curriculum at Sunset Lake Elementary can be viewed by contacting Amie McCaw, Principal of Sunset Lake Elementary, at 269-321-1561.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Competency Tests or Nationally Normed Achievement Tests:

2021-22 Sunset Lake Elementary					2022-23 Sunset Lake Elementary				
	At or Above	On Watch	Intervention	Urgent Intervention		At or Above	On Watch	Intervention	Urgent Intervention
STAR Early Literacy – Spring 2022					STAR Early Literacy – Spring 2023				
K	92%	5%	1%	1%	K	86%	11%	2%	2%
STAR Reading – Spring 2022					STAR Reading – Spring 2023				
1st	54%	21%	11%	15%	1st	63%	21%	12%	4%
2nd	74%	16%	3%	7%	2nd	54%	26%	11%	10%
3rd	71%	26%	1%	1%	3rd	62%	23%	11%	4%
4th	69%	23%	4%	3%	4th	56%	36%	6%	1%
5th	57%	21%	19%	3%	5th	60%	24%	14%	2%
STAR Math – Spring 2022					STAR Math – Spring 2023				
1st	73%	23%	3%	1%	1st	88%	8%	4%	0%
2nd	86%	12%	1%	0%	2nd	84%	13%	1%	2%
3rd	68%	25%	5%	3%	3rd	72%	23%	4%	1%
4th	80%	15%	3%	2%	4th	78%	18%	1%	3%
5th	74%	18%	3%	5%	5th	69%	21%	6%	4%



Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parent Teacher Conferences are held at the end of the first marking period and Student Led Conferences are held during the second marking period. Additional conferences and Student Assistance Team (SAT) meetings may be held when a student is not making adequate progress academically, socially or emotionally. Approximately 96% of Sunset families attend conferences consistently.

Students at Sunset Lake Elementary are given opportunities to create goals and track their learning data. Students at Sunset Lake Elementary are also given leadership roles in the classroom and throughout the building to help create responsible, independent learners. Our school system is determined to have ALL students graduate college and career-ready.

Sincerely,

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