

February 11th, 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2021-22 educational progress for Elmwood 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 Principal Molly Francis for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1/> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2018-19. 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 2017-18. 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 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as not been given one of these labels.

The curricula we use at Elmwood Elementary are based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for math and language arts. CCSS documents can be accessed on waverlyschools.net. We use the Next Generation Science Standards and the Michigan State Objectives for social studies. Each of these are the Michigan-approved guidelines/curriculum for schools to follow.

Elmwood uses EL Education as our reading curriculum. English language arts teachers implement the curriculum in both whole group and small groups on a daily basis as they help students build reading skills like vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Assessments – quizzes, tests, and authentic reading and writing tasks – are given throughout each unit to track students' academic progress. EL Education covers Michigan's state standards for English language arts.

For math, Elmwood uses Go Math as our curriculum. Math teachers provide instruction each day, teaching skills like computation, problem solving, and algebraic and mathematical thinking. Teachers monitor student progress through in-class practice (both online and in writing), quizzes, tests, and projects. Michigan's state standards in math are covered in the Go Math curriculum.

To access any of these core curricula, please contact Mr. Christopher Huff, Director of Teaching and Learning (chuff@waverlyk12.net, 517-321-7265 ext. 3030).

Each year, our third and fourth grade students take the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP. This assessment is designed to examine how well students are mastering the state standards in math and reading. Our students are growing and learning! You can find our two most recent years of data here:

https://waverlyk12my.sharepoint.com/personal/mfrancis_waverlyk12_net/Documents/Elmwood/MSTEP%20DATA.xlsx

Parents are a critical part of our success, and they are welcome to volunteer in a variety of ways. Our Parent Teacher Organization is active and sponsors events that provide students and families with extracurricular activities such as our homecoming float, a Glow Party, and an end of the year celebration party. Parent participation was again very high for parent-teacher conferences. At Elmwood, 89.5% of parents attended virtual meetings with their child's teacher. The remaining families were all contacted by phone to maintain regular communication for all parents and students.

We are proud of our Elmwood students and teachers for their hard work and of our Elmwood community for their constant support. We look forward to continual academic and social growth for all our students, and, as always, we are proud to be Waverly Warriors.

Sincerely,
Molly Francis
Principal
Elmwood Elementary School