



School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

January 31, 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2018-19 educational progress for Sanborn 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 the principal, Pauline Burnham, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site ([Annual Education Report](#)), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the **2022-23** school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. 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.

Our key challenges, based on our Combined Report data, include low scores on Science and Social Studies assessments. We believe these difficulties are rooted in students' struggles to apply reading, math and reasoning skills in these content areas. To increase achievement for all students, we have participated in district efforts to improve these areas through teacher professional development in literacy and math skills, focused teacher coaching, and grade-level and departmental work to focus our curriculum and teaching on the most critical skills.

Sanborn Elementary, one of six elementary buildings in the Alpena Public School District, is located in Ossineke, Michigan near beautiful Lake Huron and the Devil's River. Over 190 students attend Kindergarten through 5th Grade, as well as a Headstart Program. Sanborn is very proud of its special features, programs, and, most of all, its commitment to the children of the future. Emphasizing growth mindset, as well as empathy and perseverance, we have the type of school culture that supports social-emotional health and academic achievement.

The staff at Sanborn Elementary works tirelessly to help our students strengthen their social-emotional competencies, promote positive behaviors, and provide tiered instruction using explicit instruction and engagement strategies to teach with rigor, grade level content standards. We are diligent in maintaining excellence by utilizing our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). This is a framework which addresses both academic and behavioral needs that arise in our building, which systematically delivers a range of interventions based on the demonstrated levels of need. Other interventions and supports include: Strive for 5 Attendance Program, Schoolwide Restorative Practices, Second Step Curriculum, Accelerated Reader, At Home Reading, Essential Practices in Early Literacy, Benchmark Literacy, and Math Expressions. In addition, staff is dedicated to providing Tier 2 and Tier 3 instructional and behavioral interventions targeted to the specific needs of our students through the use of our Title I, STARS, Reading Corp, and School Success.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. **PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL:** Students are assigned to each district elementary school geographically based on their area of residence. Parents wishing to send their child to a school outside their attendance area may make a transfer request to the district's Office of Instruction. Requests are granted based on available space.
2. **THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Our school improvement plan complies with all State and Federal requirements and is under continual review by a committee that represents all stakeholders.
3. **A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL:** Alpena Public Schools operates no specialized schools, however our ESD operates the Pied Piper Opportunity Center for students with severe, low-incidence disabilities in our three-county area.
4. **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:** Copies of our curriculum are available for review at any school office. All of our district's schools use the same curriculum, developed in cooperation with the AMA-ESD, aligned to State and National standards and approved by the Alpena Public Schools Board of Education. This curriculum is continually reviewed to ensure its continued alignment and appropriateness.
5. **THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:**

NWEA 2021-22	2nd Average RIT	3rd Average RIT	4th Average RIT	5th Average RIT
Reading	183.0	195.1	205.3	209.4
Math	183.3	196.5	211.0	214.1

NWEA 2022-23	2nd Average RIT	3rd Average RIT	4th Average RIT	5th Average RIT
Reading	185.6	197.1	204.8	211
Math	189.4	201.1	210.5	218.7

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

Overall Percentages: Fall 99% (180/182) Spring: 94% (79/84)

In conclusion, the purpose of this report is to inform the community as to the status of their schools. The report summarizes the information into the mandated areas. As you have read, and hopefully have experienced, Sanborn Elementary continues to provide an outstanding and well-rounded educational experience for every student. Working together with parents, students, teachers, administrators and community, we will continue to work toward accomplishing our district's mission which is to teach and challenge all students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

"Alpena Public Schools, in partnership with our community, teaches and challenges all students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens."

Sincerely,

Kori Knudson
Principal