



## **BEAR LAKE SCHOOLS**

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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 2023-24 educational progress for Bear Lake School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Mrs. Harless if you need assistance.

The District and School AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following:

Bear Lake School District

[https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common\\_Locations=1-D,918,96,0](https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-D,918,96,0)

Bear Lake Elementary School

[https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common\\_Locations=1-S,5655,918,96](https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,5655,918,96)

Bear Lake Middle and High School

[https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common\\_Locations=1-S,5656,918,96](https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,5656,918,96)

You may review a copy of these reports in the main office at the school.

These reports contain the following information:

### **Student Assessment Data**

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Present 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.

### **School Accountability Data**

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

### **Educator 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

### **Civil Rights Data**

- Provides information on school quality, climate, and safety

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 had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2021-22. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school 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 status label is given.

### **Our schools have not been given one of these labels.**

A key challenge for Bear Lake School at this time is closing the achievement gap in reading and math. A new math curriculum was purchased before the 2021-2022 school year and a new elementary reading curriculum was purchased before the 2023-2024 school year that was vetted to align with the state standards. We continue to close the achievement gaps within our subgroups and perform at the same standard as peer schools. We earned the status of **Reward School** in our Elementary for this achievement. Our Middle and High School was ranked 211/705 high school in Michigan.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Bear Lake Elementary (K-6), and Middle and High School (7-12) have one school in our district. All K-6 students in our district attend Bear Lake Elementary School. All 7-12 students in our district attend Bear Lake Middle/High School.
2. Bear Lake's School Improvement Plan is based upon a District mission statement and guided by an educational philosophy as adopted by the School Board. Both Bear Lake Elementary and Bear Lake Middle/Middle High Schools have developed school improvement plans centered on student growth. Each plan contains goals that address core areas. The current plans emphasize curriculum implementation with fidelity, improving test scores, and implementing a social-emotional learning curriculum.

3. Bear Lake School District does not have any specialized schools.

4. Bear Lake Elementary and Middle/High School curriculum is 100% aligned with the Michigan Academic Standards. These standards can be obtained in the school's main office or at <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753---,00.html>

5. NWEA and Michigan Benchmark Assessment Student Growth Data: The NWEA and Michigan Benchmark Assessment tests are administered 3 times per year. A benchmark is determined for each student based on national norm standards after fall testing. Students are given a projected growth for a full school year. The percentages in the table below are the students who met their projected growth in the spring of the 2021-2022 school year.

6. Number of Parent Contacts for Parent/Teacher Conferences

	<b>Fall 2020</b>	<b>Spring 2021</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Spring 2023</b>	<b>Fall 2023</b>	<b>Spring 2024</b>
Elementary	164	151	104	107	95	115	134	130
Middle School	46	43	51	36	36	32	42	46
High School	98	95	43	47	51	49	35	58
Total	308	289	198	190	182	196	221	234

7. Bear Lake High School Dual Enrollment

<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
8 students participate	14 students participate	10 students participate	8 students participate	15 students participate

Bear Lake High School Technical Prep Enrollment

<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
29 students participate	32 students participate	38 students participate	27 students participate	27 students participate

Through this annual report, we give you a glimpse of a school system that strives continuously to provide students with educational opportunities that will give them a competitive edge to be college and career-ready.

We greatly appreciate the support of our students and community, which has allowed us to move our district forward. All that we have accomplished would not be possible without the continued support of the entire community.

The accomplishments of our students reflect the expectations, commitment, and involvement of parents and other dedicated school and community members who collaborate to ensure high-caliber educational opportunities for all students.

Sincerely,

*Jakob Veith*

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