

Westdale Elementary School

2023-2024 Annual Education Report

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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 Westdale 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 Karen Volk for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,12104,1533,109, 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.

Our school **has not** been given one of these labels.

The staff at Westdale is very proud of our school and strong team approach to support the needs of all students. Through continuous efforts with school improvement, we strive to deliver best practices both academically and behaviorally, with climate and culture being our top priority. As a district, we implemented a new ELA curriculum during the 2019-2020 school year to support our students' academic growth. We have continued to build on our practices by building classroom libraries, providing appropriate resources for staff, and reviewing data on a regular basis. In addition to ELA instruction, staff has been participating in math professional development since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year that focuses on 21st century math with a specific focus on developing early numeracy and number sense with the use of manipulatives.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Westdale Elementary serves students in developmental kindergarten, kindergarten, first and second grade. With an enrollment of 321 students, there are thirteen general education classrooms. Westdale also provides special education programming for students with multi-categorical disabilities, including a program for emotionally impaired students. Students also receive instruction from specialized teachers in music, art, physical education and technology. Qualifying students can receive services from one of two Literacy Numeracy Specialists. In addition, our Instructional Coach works with staff to help support the implementation of best practices in literacy and mathematics and the Read by Grade Three law. Westdale has one social worker to support all students. Westdale House is our after school state licensed daycare operated by the STCS Community Education Department.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

District students are assigned to Westdale Elementary School according to the geographic location of their residence and the grade span for which the building serves. Students from other districts within Saginaw County may also attend Westdale if approved through the district’s School of Choice option and are assigned to Westdale by the district. Students may also be assigned to this building for a program that better meets their needs.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A copy of the Westdale School Improvement Plan can be accessed at [Westdale Elementary School Improvement Plan](#). A hard copy of the plan can be found in the school office upon request.

Westdale Goals 20-21	Objectives	Strategies	Activities
All students will be career and college ready readers	1	4	13
All students will be career and college ready writers	1	4	25
All students will be career and college ready in math	1	4	15

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Westdale Elementary serves a student population of developmental kindergarten through second grade. Westdale houses a program for students with Emotional Impairments or other disabilities. Placement is determined through the IEP process.

CORE CURRICULUM

A copy of our district’s core curriculum may be obtained from the STCS Office of Learning, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Our core curriculum is fully implemented and completely aligned to meet the Michigan Department of Education’s adopted learning standards and graduation requirements.

AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Due to the young age of Westdale’s student population, no state tests are administered. NWEA is administered by the classroom teachers in order to identify areas of strength and weakness and the need for intervention in the areas of literacy and mathematics. Listed below are the percentages of students who met their instructional goal on NWEA from Fall 2023 to Winter 2024.

	Reading	Math
Kindergarten	44%	34%
First Grade	43%	57%
Second Grade	64%	80%

Parent Teacher Conferences

Westdale’s parent teacher conference attendance rate was 93% for the 2021-22 school year and 94% for the 2022-23 school year.

The staff at Westdale is very proud of our school and our commitment to serving the needs of all of our students. It is our goal to prepare students to be responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and to celebrate the continuous growth our students make. Through a shared vision, the Westdale staff continues to collaborate with our families and our community to promote a framework of excellence where all students will continue to grow and develop into successful learners academically, socially and emotionally. Please contact the Westdale office at 989-797-1827 if you would like further information about our school.

Sincerely,

Karen Volk, Principal