



Onaway Area Community School

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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 Onaway Elementary. 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 Robin Benson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://onawayareasd.schoolinsites.com/transparency>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 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 2023-24. 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, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as not having one of these labels.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents should pick up an enrollment packet in the secondary office. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from August to June.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Onaway Elementary School has completed all annual required evaluations of school performance and submitted the school improvement plan promptly. Our three goal areas are reading, math, and behavioral support, and will continue into the 2025-2026 school year in the maintenance phase.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Onaway Elementary School is comprised of our Great Start Readiness Program for Pre-School, as well as grades Kindergarten through 5. We are a Title I Schoolwide School. Current enrollment is approximately 252 students, in GSRP through grade 5.



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4. IDENTIFY 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

Onaway Elementary School does not vary from the state's model in its implementation of the core curriculum. For a copy of the core curriculum for each grade level, please go to www.michigan.gov/mde.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Onaway Elementary students take the Acadience reading proficiency tests. 57% of our students were reading at grade level by May 2025.

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

Onaway Elementary School hosts two formal parent-teacher conferences each school year. In October 2025, 81% of parents attended conferences.

We are very pleased with the continued progress being made at Onaway Elementary School. Our goal is to ensure that each student receives a rigorous, appropriate education that will enable him or her to meet the requirements of middle school and high school, ultimately preparing students for life!

Sincerely,

Robin Benson

Elementary Principal