



Emerson School Annual Education Report (AER) 2022-2023

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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 2022-2023 educational progress for Emerson 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 Jessica Aue, the school principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the [Owosso Public Schools Website](#), 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.

Emerson Elementary School is working to accelerate student achievement. A large portion of our student population perform below average on our standardized testing. We are targeting students that need extra support and providing them with instruction in addition to the core curriculum to help them make gains and perform at a higher level. We are giving the NWEA three times per year to help monitor student growth and using results from those assessments to make instructional decisions.

Process for assigning students to the school:

Emerson Elementary School services kindergarten through fifth grade students that live in the Emerson school zone. The school also accepts in-district transfers and school of choice students from other districts to the extent enrollment capacity will allow.

Status of the 3-5 year school improvement plan:

Emerson Elementary is a Title I school and we utilize our extra support to meet the needs of our students. Our 3-5 year plan is to ensure that all students are proficient in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. In addition, our goal is for students to use socially appropriate behavior. Our International Baccalaureate Learner Profiles teach students to be inquiring, caring global citizens. Our complete School Improvement Plan is available upon request.

A Brief Description of Emerson Elementary:

Emerson Elementary is a Title I school in Owosso serving kindergarten through fifth grade students. Our Emerson staff is proud to meet the needs of each individual learner and we value the importance of nurturing the whole child while building meaningful relationships. The entire staff is dedicated to creating a loving and safe environment where kind words and a loving smile are valued.

In Owosso, our curriculum is second to none, and we are proud to offer a unique Encore experience where children explore a love of global arts, music, science-fitness, sports, and technology. Our music curriculum introduces fourth grade students to playing the recorder, while fifth graders learn to play the ukulele, as well as an introductory band opportunity. In keeping with our International Baccalaureate (PYP) philosophy, children experience a global arts rotation where they learn the cultures of Germany, France, Mexico, and Italy. Our trained Project Lead the Way staff engage students in engineering lessons beginning in kindergarten through 5th grade. Our instructional philosophy focuses on an inquiry based approach, where children learn to be global, well-rounded thinkers and learners. We believe in teaching students how to think, rather than what to think.

Owosso Public Schools value the love of learning and meeting students' individual and academic needs. Emerson employs two certified literacy specialists as well as a Math Recovery trained mathematics specialist. The district also employs a literacy coach who mentors teachers and paraprofessionals helping them grow their instruction to improve student outcomes. Throughout the school year, Emerson families will also enjoy parent engagement nights where they learn to support their children as readers, scientists, and mathematicians. Emerson Elementary is a magical place where your child's journey towards lifelong learning begins.

Access to the Core Curriculum:

Curriculum maps, aligned with Michigan Department of Education (MDE) standards and benchmarks continue to be created and updated for every course in the district. These efforts were supported by an on-going Five Year Plan for Curriculum Renewal process. The plan for district-wide professional development during the school year was formulated through collaboration with teachers and administration leading to a unified instructional experience for all students.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results:

Emerson Elementary School uses the Developmental Reading Assessment three times per year to assess and monitor reading levels. All students in grades K-5 also take the NWEA assessment three times per year for reading and mathematics. Everyday Mathematics unit

as well as cumulative assessments, pre and post writing unit assessments, and science and social studies unit performance tasks or tests are also utilized and common among grade levels.

Parent Teacher Conference:

In the fall of 2022, 95% of parents attended parent teacher conferences and in the spring of 2023, 89% attended. We consider parent communication a strength of Emerson Elementary School.

Our mission at Emerson Elementary School is to create a safe, student-centered learning environment that provides opportunities for all students to learn and form positive relationships. Our collaborative staff supports each other and students so that every member of our learning community can become inquiring, caring, and active global citizens. You and your family are an important part of student growth. It is essential that all of us form a partnership built upon open communication and care for each other.

Sincerely,

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