



Homestead Hills Elementary School

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 6, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2025-26 educational progress for Homestead Hills 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 Principal Steve Graetz for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website – <https://bit.ly/4rUxj8f>, or you may review a copy in the main office.

Additionally, this AER, dated February 6, 2026, is a report referencing the last two school years. As Homestead Hills Elementary School opened its doors in September 2023, this AER report accounts for the school years of 24-25 and 23-24 at Homestead Hills Elementary.

For the 2025-26 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. 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. 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%, failed to exit CSI status in 24-25, or failed to exit ATS status in 21-22. 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.

During the 2024-2025 school year, we spent considerable time and effort responding to the social and emotional needs of all children. Our school continued to use Move This World as Tier I instructional materials for Social and Emotional Learning. We reference the pillars within Zones of Regulation as a routine way for students to monitor and regulate their emotions. We introduced a space within the school called the Husky Den where students are supported with additional SEL support. Instead of teachers reporting a grade for each subject, parents are notified of their student's success on each learning standard. Teachers are growing in their instructional practice by participating in professional learning communities within the school and throughout the district. An additional emphasis for teacher development is focused on the Science of Reading, as methodically delivered by The Reading League, as well as Restorative Practices, through a partnership with Northwest Educational Services, our local ISD.

1. K-5 students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Homestead Hills Elementary School. Additionally, parents may complete forms for In-District Schools of Choice if they reside within the Benzie Central Schools designated attendance area, and they may apply for Out-of-District Schools of Choice



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if they do not live within the school district. Please contact Homestead Hills Elementary School for assistance.

2. As a school within the Benzie Central Schools school district, Homestead Hills Elementary is working within the District's Continuous Improvement Plan. In the Benzie Central District CIP, each school, including Homestead Hills Elementary, has set a goal each year to increase the number of students who are at or above grade-level for Reading and Math by 10%.
3. Homestead Hills Elementary School is not a specialized school.
4. Homestead Hills Elementary School, along with each elementary school within Benzie Central Schools, has organized the core curriculum into curriculum maps. Instructional staff use the curriculum maps as pacing guides to progress through each quarter and throughout each school year. A digital or print copy of any portion or all of the curriculum maps for any or all grade levels can be made available upon request to Principal Steve Graetz at Homestead Hills Elementary School.
5. Below you will find the results of the two most recent years of proficiency data for Reading and Math.

	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	HHE	State Avg	HHE	State Avg
3rd Grade Reading	21.4	39.6	<10	38.9
3rd Grade Math	35.7	43.4	<10	42.7
4th Grade Reading	35.7	43.3	<10	42.4
4th Grade Math	28.6	38.6	<10	39.4
5th Grade Reading	29.2	44.0	39.3	44.4
5th Grade Math	≤20	32.6	<10	32.9

6. Homestead Hills Elementary experienced a fantastic turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences in October 2025, 188/214, or 88% of students were represented by their parent(s)/guardian(s), as October 2024 we saw 185/202, or 92% of students represented by their parent(s)/guardian(s) for the same event.

The staff at Homestead Hills Elementary continues to strive to provide the best learning environment possible for all students. It is important to all staff that students are afforded every opportunity to grow and mature in an environment where they feel valued and safe, in order to maximize their potential as members of their community.

Sincerely,

Steve Graetz, Principal
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