



Benzie County Central Schools

February 16, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2024-25 educational progress for Benzie Central High 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 Cheryl Smith, High School Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: [Benzie Central High School Annual Education Report \(AER\)](#), 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 2024-25. 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.

Benzie Central High School was not given any designation for the 2024-25 school year.

Benzie HS Building Impact Team (BIT) identified areas of focus for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. Analyze our systems of support for HS students as they transition from Middle School.
2. Implement the CPM Math curriculum that was purchased the previous school year.
3. Implement a new ELA curriculum
4. Utilize the General Supervision process to monitor and inform Special Education progress, policy and procedure.
5. Continue work on the Multi-Tiered System of Support process and procedure for the High School building,



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6. Develop a Responsible-Centered Discipline Model, and continue to develop systems to utilize NWEA, attendance, academic, and behavioral data to make improvements for students and the system.

These areas of concentration provided direction for our BIT and Staff Professional Development offerings during the 2024-2025 school year.

State law requires that we also report additional information for the **TWO MOST RECENT YEARS ON THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Families that reside within the Benzie Central Schools boundary map are able to attend Benzie Central High School. Families with students residing outside of Benzie Central Schools boundary map may apply for Out of District Schools of Choice. Please contact , Principal, Cheryl Smith for assistance.
2. Benzie Central High School uses Building Impact Teams, (BIT) a Blueprint systemic reconfiguration as our School Improvement process. We continue to focus on improving student performance in the area of Reading, Mathematics, Attendance, and Behavior as well as our systems of building a positive culture for our students. Professional development and strategy instruction are targeted to improve this area. All goals and strategies are found in our Building MiCIP plan.
3. Benzie Central High School is not a specialized school.
4. A digital or print copy of any portion of our course offerings and their corresponding Curriculum Maps can be made available upon request to Principal Cheryl Smith at Benzie Central High School.
5. In addition to course curriculum maps, course pacing guides provide a framework for teaching staff to complete the objectives of each course. Our courses, curriculum maps, and pacing guides follow the State's model.



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6. State Mandated Testing:

a. 2024

	Number of students assessed	% of students who met benchmark
PSAT 9	99	53.5%
PSAT 10	70	65.7%
SAT	71	47.9%
M-STEP	71	35.2%
MI-ACCESS	2	100%

b. 2025

	Number of students assessed	% of students who met benchmark
PSAT 9	79	54.4
PSAT 10	50	60.0%
SAT	69	53.9%
M-STEP	82	46%
MI-ACCESS	0	n/a

7. 97 students (30%) were represented at Parent Teacher Conferences in the fall of 2023.

108 (36%) students were represented at Parent Teacher Conferences in the fall of 2024.



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8. FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, ONLY ALSO REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

SCHOOL YEAR	NUMBERS OF STUDENTS TAKING DUAL-ENROLLMENT CLASSES	PERCENT OF STUDENTS TAKING DUAL-ENROLLMENT
23-24	37	11.5%
24-25	51	17.1%

a. 2024 AP COURSE DATA

- i. Benzie Central Schools offered 6 AP courses: Chemistry, Calculus A/B, Biology, English Literature, Human Geography, Psychology.
- ii. 30 students were enrolled in one or more of the above AP courses.
- iii. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT

COURSE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS PASSED	NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO PASSED
BIOLOGY	13	17	76%
CALCULUS A/B	7	10	70%
CHEMISTRY	5	6	83%
ENGLISH LIT	6	7	86%
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY*	1	1	100%
PSYCHOLOGY*	1	1	100%

*Taken on-line



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b. 2025 AP COURSE DATA

- i. Benzie Central Schools offered 4 AP courses: Calculus A/B, Biology, English Literature, AP Physics.
- ii. 29 students were enrolled in one or more of the above AP courses.
- iii. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT

COURSE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS PASSED	NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO PASSED
BIOLOGY	15	17	88%
CALCULUS A/B	7	10	70%
ENGLISH LIT	5	5	100%
AP Physics	4	6	67%

Benzie Central High School is committed to providing our students with high-quality, rigorous course offerings that give students the opportunity to experience a wide variety of educational experiences from college preparatory, career and technical trades, fine arts, dual-enrollment at Northwest Michigan College, Baker College, and Ferris State University, to Advanced Placement courses. In addition, we offer fine/performing arts, clubs, student government, as well as an array of athletic opportunities. Our band and choir consistently receive regional and state recognition and our athletic teams also are recognized at the state level with our boys wrestling placing in the top eight at the MHSAA State meet this past year, numerous individual awards in cross country, football, volleyball, wrestling, and track and field. There are many ways to engage in learning at Benzie Central High School and encourage continued innovation to meet the ever changing needs of our students.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Smith
HS Principal
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