



Crystal Lake Elementary School

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 14, 2023

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 Crystal Lake 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 – <http://bit.ly/36JJg78>, or you may review a copy in the main office.

For the 2022-23 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 or had a graduation rate at or below 67%. 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 2021-2022 school year, Crystal Lake Elementary operated under new leadership. With new leadership comes new initiatives and opportunities for change. Responding the social and emotional needs of all children and tending to the 'whole child' has been a primary focus of our work as the school is now operating back at full in-person capacity following the significantly-interrupted 19-20 and 20-21 school years. Our school continues using Zones of Regulation as a routine way for students to monitor and regulate their emotions. Additionally, our school has fully implemented the SEL program, Move This World, as a curriculum for social-emotional learning. 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.

1. K-5 students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Crystal Lake 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 if they do not live within the school district. Please contact Crystal Lake Elementary School for assistance.
2. As a school within the Benzie Central Schools school district, Crystal Lake Elementary is working within the District's Continuous Improvement Plan. In the Benzie Central District CIP, each school, including Crystal Lake 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%.

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3. Crystal Lake Elementary School is not a specialized school.
4. Crystal Lake Elementary, 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 Crystal Lake Elementary School.
5. Below you will find the results of the two most recent years of proficiency data for Reading and Math.

	2020-2021		2021-2022	
	CLE	State Avg	CLE	State Avg
3rd Grade Reading	33.4	42.8	33.3	41.6
3rd Grade Math	54.2	42.3	12.1	41.5
4th Grade Reading	28.0	44.2	33.3	43.4
4th Grade Math	<20	36.5	32.5	36.7
5th Grade Reading	31.4	43.7	34.3	43.1
5th Grade Math	14.3	29.6	30.0	31.4

6. Crystal Lake Elementary experienced a fantastic turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences in October, 2021. 175 of 193 students were represented by their parents/guardians (90.7%).

The staff at Crystal Lake 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
Crystal Lake Elementary
Benzie Central Schools