

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 6, 2025

**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 Lake Ann 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 Sharyl Corey for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website — <a href="https://mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1/">https://mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1/</a>, or you may review a copy in the main office. This AER, dated February 6, 2025, is a report referencing the last two school years, 23-24 and 22-23.

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. 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, Lake Ann Elementary, has not been given one of these labels.

Our staff believes that relationships are the basis for all student learning and have focused heavily on cultivating strong relationships with students. Lake Ann Elementary Staff members participate in restorative practices, responsibility centered discipline, and social emotional learning practices that support students becoming agents of their own growth.

Teachers notify parents of their child's progress on grade lever learning standards. 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 Lake Ann 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 Lake Ann Elementary School for assistance.



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- 2. As a school within the Benzie Central Schools school district, Lake Ann Elementary is working within the District's Continuous Improvement Plan. In the Benzie Central District CIP, each school, including Lake Ann Elementary, has set a goal each year to increase the number of students who are proficient in Reading and Math by 10%.
- 3. Lake Ann Elementary School is not a specialized school.
- 4. Lake Ann 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 Sharyl Corey at Lake Ann Elementary School.
- 5. Below you will find the results of the two most recent years of proficiency data for Reading and Math.

	2022-2023		2023-2024	
	LAE	State Avg	LAE	State Avg
3rd Grade Reading	28.6	40.9	25.7	39.6
3rd Grade Math	50.0	42.9	34.3	43.4
4th Grade Reading	35.7	44.3	53.8	43.3
4th Grade Math	35.7	38.6	46.2	39.1
5th Grade Reading	50.0	43.9	59.3	44.0
5th Grade Math	43.8	31.5	44.4	32.6

6. Lake Ann Elementary experienced a fantastic turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences in October 2024, of the 196 students enrolled 195 had parents participate in person or by phone. Parent involvement is key to student success and we appreciate the tremendous support of the Lake Ann families.

The staff at Lake Ann Elementary continues to strive to provide the best learning environment possible for all students. We believe that every child has the right to a safe, supportive school environment where each individual's values, beliefs, background, and identity are respected and embrace the universal norms of care, support, safety, and membership.

Sincerely,

Sharyl Corey, Principal Lake Ann Elementary School **Benzie Central Schools**