



Sparta Area Schools

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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

1/31/25

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for Sparta Middle 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 Steve Johnson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,10988,1561,90, 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 2023-24. 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. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was not given any of these labels.

Sparta Middle School reviews its student outcome data three times a year and prepares grade level plans to help current students increase their achievement scores on NWEA and MStep.

Because Sparta Middle School strives for every students' success, our staff is working to close the achievement gaps in math and reading. Middle School staff are working to align their standards and instruction as well to fully implement the Professional Learning Team process. The process involves working as grade level teams to determine what are the most essential standards, reviewing our student progress on those standards and remediating or accelerating students as necessary.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Sparta Middle School serves the students in the Sparta Area School District in grade six, seven and eight.
2. Sparta Middle School continues to work to improve its systems of instruction using the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and the Professional Learn Communities process (PLC)
3. You can access the core curriculum by emailing steve.johnson2@spartaschools.org
4. **NWEA/MAP Reading Spring to Spring Growth**



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	2022	2023	2024
	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	% of students meeting or exceeding growth
6th	41%	42%	38%
7th	42%	38%	45%
8th	44%	41%	67%

Reading SAT % Met Benchmark

Grade Level	Spring '22	Spring '23	Spring '24
8th Grade	60%	61%	69%

	2022	2023		2024
	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth
6th	35%	27%	2	64%
7th	55%	37%	6	46%
8th	41%	27%	12	65%

Math MStep % at Benchmark

Grade Level	'22	'23	'24
6th Grade	28%	27%	35%
7th Grade	20%	26%	27%
8th Grade	43%	35%	34%



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Fall Conferences (2024)			
	Total # Attended	Total # of Students	Percentage
6th Grade	54	167	32.34%
7th Grade	38	181	20.99%
8th Grade	26	160	16.25%
	Total Overall Percentage		23.23%

We are proud of our students and our partnerships with our community. Sparta educators are committed to our students and their success.

Sincerely,

Brad Wood
Principal
Sparta Middle School