

February 20th, 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 Pinewood 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 the Principal, Mr. Andrew Kolzow for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <https://bit.ly/3Lognah>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your student's school.

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 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%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, 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 has not been given one of these labels.

Pinewood Middle School is dedicated to fostering confident learners by providing a rigorous and supportive educational environment for all students. This academic year, we are prioritizing the advancement of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics proficiency through targeted, student-centered programs. These initiatives include:

- **Data-Driven Intervention:** We utilize data analysis to identify students requiring additional support and provide targeted intervention classes to facilitate their academic growth.
- **Personalized Learning with iReady:** The iReady Diagnostic and iReady MyPath platform allows us to assess student progress and deliver individualized instruction in both ELA and mathematics, ensuring personalized learning pathways for each student.
- **Study Shaq Tutoring Program:** Our after-school tutoring program, Study Shaq, offers students the opportunity to receive additional academic support from certified teachers.
- **Dedicated Intervention Specialists:** Each grade level benefits from a dedicated interventionist teacher who provides targeted support to students experiencing academic challenges.
- **Co-Teaching Model:** We have implemented a co-teaching model to ensure that students receiving special education services have full access to the grade-level curriculum within inclusive classroom settings.

- **Enhanced Multilingual Learner Support:** Recognizing the diverse needs of our student population, we have enhanced our Multilingual Learner program by implementing an English Language Development class and increasing staffing to provide comprehensive language acquisition support.

Furthermore, our faculty engages in monthly Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to collaboratively analyze curriculum, refine instructional practices, and review student data. This collaborative approach ensures the delivery of a high-quality educational experience for all students. Our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) teams utilize academic, attendance, and behavior data to develop tiered intervention and incentive plans, providing comprehensive student support. Finally, our leadership teams will leverage data gathered from student, parent, and staff feedback to inform continuous improvement action plans.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

### **ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL**

Students in Kentwood Public School District are assigned to individual school buildings based on the grade level they attend and the geographic area in which they live. School boundaries were developed with community involvement and can be viewed at the Kentwood Public Schools Administration Building at 5820 Eastern Ave. S.E.

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Pinewood Middle School has an approved School Improvement Plan submitted to the State in which stakeholders have outlined goals and objectives that address student academic needs. Looking at a variety of data that measure student academic progress, we identified areas for improvement and research-based strategies to address these needs.

### **CORE CURRICULUM**

Process: Kentwood Public Schools has aligned curriculum in all content areas with the Michigan Curriculum Framework and the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Benchmarks can be found on the Michigan Department of Education website: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. Our assessments and report cards are also aligned with the curriculum. Classroom instruction is congruent with the curriculum expectations and is regularly monitored by building principals and academic support personnel.

Alignment: Each grade level on the elementary level and each content area at the secondary levels meet regularly to study curriculum issues and to ensure that all students have common, equitable curricular experiences. A gap analysis is conducted annually with the M-STEP testing information and the curriculum is examined for areas of strength and weakness. After this audit, necessary adjustments are made.

Equity: "Excellence and Equity in Education" is the motto of Kentwood Public Schools. The utilization of common assessments and scoring rubrics, common curriculum, and common core materials help us work toward our goal. In addition,

principals and other evaluators have common instructional expectations that are used to guide teacher evaluation. Professional development, study groups, and continual communication between departments including regular education, special education, and gifted programs also help to facilitate this process. We are committed to ALL students having multiple opportunities to learn and be successful.

**AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULT**

The following are Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress or M-STEP over the past two years. Results are given in percentages and show students that were proficient or advanced proficient:

Year	Grade	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>6</b>	30.8%	21.3%	n/a	n/a
	<b>7</b>	34.1%	25.6%	n/a	n/a
	<b>8</b>	n/a	n/a	27.2%	17.6%
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>6</b>	31.7%	28.6%	n/a	n/a
	<b>7</b>	34.9%	25.6%	n/a	n/a
	<b>8</b>	n/a	n/a	30.9%	35.4%

The following are Michigan 8th Grade **PSAT** scores for Pinewood Middle School. Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) is a combined score consisting of a separate Reading and Writing and Language test. Results are given in percentages and show students that were proficient. For more information about the PSAT 8 please consult the College Board's [PSAT 8 Parent Resource Page](#).

Year	EBRW (English)	Math
<b>2023-24</b>	55.1%	22.3%
<b>2024-25</b>	57.6%	22.8%

**Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance**

Year	Fall parent attendance (n)	Fall parent attendance (%)	Spring parent attendance (n)	Spring parent attendance (%)
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>8%</b>

At Pinewood, we strive to create a safe and positive learning environment where students are challenged academically and feel a sense of belonging with our school community. Our highly trained staff utilize a rigorous curriculum and a collaborative selection of teaching strategies to engage students and prepare them for future success. We also believe that students learn best when they feel connected with their school environment. We create this feeling by using Restorative Practices and Capturing Kids' Hearts strategies every day, which allow students to build strong relationships and to feel supported. We are very proud of our students and their achievements and congratulate them for their hard work this year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any part of the educational experience at Pinewood Middle School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Andrew Kolzow**  
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Kentwood Public Schools