

## **District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter**

Monday, February 10, 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 the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact the Superintendent's Office for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/2Zq7VOS> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

### **Student Assessment Data**

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

### **School Accountability Data**

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

### **Educator Qualification Data**

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

**NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)**

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

**Civil Rights Data**

- Provides information on school quality, climate, and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. 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 2023-24. 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 2024-25. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
CLK Elementary	No Label	Reading & Math Interventions and Curriculum, Trauma Informed School Initiative, MTSS, Learning Environment, Summer School programming
Washington Middle School	No Label	Grade level teaming, MTSS, Reading & Math Interventions, Trauma Informed School Initiative, Flex schedule, After-school programming
Calumet High School	No Label	Early College, PLC’s, Work Based Learning, Trauma Informed School Initiative, Curriculum Alignment
Horizons Alternative H.S.	No Label	Tiered Mentor Program, STEM/Maker Space Program, credit recovery, Trauma Informed School Initiative

We are proud of our innovation and success. CLK Schools partner with Gogebic Community College to offer an Early College program for our high school students. CLK's Early College is in its tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) year of operation. CLK Schools also operates the CLK Virtual Academy that includes the Upper Peninsula Virtual Academy (UPVA) and the Keweenaw Discovery Center. UPVA is a free K-12 on-line school for any student that lives in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and the Keweenaw Discovery Center is a learning center and virtual learning program providing non-core courses to home school and traditional schoolchildren in Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga Counties. CLK Schools continue to strive towards a more personalized approach to student learning. Examples of personalization Flex scheduling at the middle school, college and work-based learning pathways at the high school, as well as the virtual options highlighted above. In addition to these innovative programs, CLK Schools continues its proud tradition of excellence in education in all of our schools by educating all students in a supportive, challenging and disciplined environment to become lifelong learners whose performance is a credit to themselves and society.

We are Calumet....

- We feel great here.
- We are proud of who we are.
- We play to win.
- We are fearless.
- We grow every day.
- We are motivated to reach for more.
- We respect and honor.
- We represent our community.

We lead forever.

Sincerely,

Joel Asiala  
Superintendent