



Waukazoo Elementary

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2012-2013 educational progress for Waukazoo Elementary 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 Principal Ami Taylor for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.westottawa.net/annual-reports/> or you may review a copy from the principal's office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

Our school has been identified by the Michigan Department of Education as a Reward school.

State law requires that we also report additional information about our school. The following will provide you with additional information about our school and our achievements:

Process for Assigning Students

Students are assigned to Waukazoo based upon a geographical location. Boundaries for bussing exist in the nine-elementary school district. If parents request Waukazoo, they provide their own transportation. Waukazoo Elementary is frequently requested by parents.

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School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Team developed goals for the content areas of reading, writing and math. A copy of the full school improvement plan is available at www.westottawa.net/schools.

By June 2022, 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all reading standards in English Language Arts as measured by state level assessments.

Strategies that we will use to improve our reading scores include a focus on comprehension and using collaborative grade level and school teams to consistently analyze demographic and achievement data to inform decisions regarding implementation of best practices, instructional resources, and assessment tools for use in K-5.

By June 2022, 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all writing standards in English Language Arts as measured by state level assessments.

Strategies that we will use to continue our improvement in writing include using collaborative grade level and school teams to consistently analyze writing data to inform instructional decisions, a focus on writing strategies in all core content areas, and consistently use SIOP instructional strategies to meet individual student needs.

By June 2022, 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all standards in mathematics as measured by state level assessments.

Strategies that the Waukazoo Elementary staff will use to address the areas of need in math include working in collaborative teams to analyze math data, continuing implementation of CCSS and the 8 Math Practices, curriculum alignment, and a focus on targeted interventions.

A Brief Description of Waukazoo Elementary School

Waukazoo Elementary School is a K – 5 primary years school. We annually serve over 500 students in our school. Our students represent our diverse and rich community. We fully implement a Response to Intervention system to ensure high levels of learning for all students. Waukazoo Elementary is the home to West Ottawa’s Montessori Program. This approach to teaching and learning provides one more way we try to design and develop programs that meet the learning styles of individuals. We have a community partnership with the YMCA, which provides the Waukazoo Elementary families with onsite, before and after school care

Our Core Curriculum

The core curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) provides a framework for our educational programs. It is a set of expectations all students should achieve to progress in their schooling. We are working to deliver a curriculum that provides all students with the knowledge and skills necessary for living effectively today and in the future. Our curriculum provides extended opportunities designed to meet individual needs. Course offerings exceed core curriculum requirements established by the Michigan Department of Education. Strong academic programming is supported by quality technology and facilities.

Integrated with our core academic curriculum and enhancing a student's quality educational experiences are:

Clubs, organization, and athletics

- Community partnerships
- Field trips, assemblies, and special activities/events
- Integration of technology into instruction and assessment
- Library-media resources
- Project CHARLIE
- Special education
- Student government
- Technology tools/resources

Student achievement remains our top priority. Higher standards and greater expectations have resulted in the implementation of a variety of instructional practices, progressive teaching strategies, and specialized programs designed to respond to the individual needs and learning styles of a diverse student population. We offer a demanding academic schedule for all students with an emphasis on ensuring we are preparing each and every student to be college, career and life ready.

We embrace the concept of a brain-compatible learning environment, recognizing that individuals learn at different rates of growth through different methods of instruction and a variety of teaching/learning styles. Our curriculum makes provisions for the variability of academic skills, interests, and social, emotional, and physical development within our student population. Copies of core curriculum are available for review through the Office of Teaching and Learning and on the website at www.westottawa.net/schools.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results on Local Assessments

DIBELS Next Composite Scores (End of Year)

Benchmark Goal 80%

	WZ 2012	WZ 2013
K:	90%	96%
1 st :	88%	89%
2 nd :	95%	92%
3 rd :	80%	85%
4 th :	93%	85%
5 th :	87%	91%

Strategic Goal 15%

	WZ 2012	WZ 2013
K	9%	1%
1st	8%	3%
2nd	0%	6%
3rd	7%	9%
4th	5%	9%
5th	6%	9%

Intensive Goal 5%

	WZ 2012	WZ 2013
K	1%	3%
1st	4%	8%
2nd	5%	2%
3rd	13%	6%
4th	2%	7%
5th	6%	0%

Parent and Community Involvement in our School

Parent and community involvement in the education of children and participation in the life of a school are reflected in many ways. One avenue is attendance at parent-teacher conferences.

- In 2010-2011, the percentage of parents that attended parent-teacher conferences was 98%.
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Additionally, parents are actively involved in school activities through volunteering and the Waukazoo PTA. The PTA is an active and dynamic part of the school community which supports and enhances the instructional programs and activities at Waukazoo. All Waukazoo parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and get involved in the many events coordinated throughout the school year. One annual PTA fundraiser produces the means by which the PTA operates, providing activities, parties, assemblies, field trips, and special instructional materials for our students.

We are very proud of Waukazoo Elementary and appreciate the partnership of our families as a community nurturing future thinkers, and leaders. We are proud to be recognized as one of the premiere schools in West Michigan. Our student achievement consistently ranks at the top of the community. We are a globally minded school preparing children who are ready to lead.

Sincerely,

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