



School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter
Indian Lake Elementary

January 15, 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 Indian Lake Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about accountability, student assessment, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Sarah Bacalia, Principal, 269-321-1460 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [Vicksburg Community Schools](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child'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 group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group 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 status label is given, as is the case with Indian Lake Elementary.

Our school uses Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), an evidence-based tool, to create a safe, welcoming, and respectful learning environment for all students. PBIS focuses on clearly teaching expectations, recognizing positive behavior, and providing consistent support when students need help. Through this approach, we build strong relationships, promote positive choices, and support students' social, emotional, and academic success.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for assigning pupils to the school:

Elementary students are assigned to one of three school buildings based on geographical boundaries to fully utilize the district's teaching and facility resources. We attempt to assign Schools of Choice students to the closest building geographically, but it first depends upon availability.





Status of the School Improvement Plan:

Indian Lake Elementary's Continuous Improvement Plan aligns with the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP), providing a structured framework for enhancing student achievement. Our plan prioritizes student learning goals in reading, math, science, and social studies, ensuring a balanced and comprehensive approach to academic success. A cornerstone of our strategy is the implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), where educators collaborate to analyze data, share best practices, and develop targeted interventions. This data-driven and evolving process allows us to assess growth regularly, adapt our strategies, and focus clearly on continuous improvement. By leveraging MICIP and fostering a culture of collaboration, Indian Lake is committed to ensuring that every student meets their full potential.

Specialized Schools:

- GSRP Preschool - GSRP preschool focuses on school readiness skills in a fun, play-based format. GSRP is entirely FREE to families who meet the qualifications. This includes transportation, meals, snacks, parent education programs, and field trips.
- Hearing, Vision, Speech, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy Consultation Services are available as needed.
- All Indian Lake students can access support through our School Counselor, Social Worker, Behavior Specialist, and School Psychologist when needed.

Core Curriculum:

The area that has the most impact on student achievement is the Common Core State Standards, aligned with our curriculum and programming. Common Core State Standards are used in K-12 for English Language Arts and Math. The Cereal City Science Kits, our instructional resource for science in grades K-5, are aligned to the Michigan Science Standards, and the MC3 is used for Social Studies for grades K-5.

The Core Curriculum at Indian Lake Elementary can be viewed by contacting Dr. Sarah Bacalia, Principal of Indian Lake Elementary at 269-321-1460.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Indian Lake Elementary has an enrollment of 267 students for the current school year. Our instructional staff primarily set up face-to-face conferences. Our attendance for conferences averaged 98% for the fall with teachers rescheduling with phone or Google Meets for those who were unable to attend their original scheduled time.



**Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Competency Tests
or Nationally Normed Achievement Tests:**

| 2025 Indian Lake Elementary | | | | | | 2025 Indian Lake Elementary | | | | |
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| | At or Above Grade Level | One Grade Level Below | Two Grade Levels Below | Three or More Grade Levels Below | | | At or Above Grade Level | One Grade Level Below | Two Grade Levels Below | Three or More Grade Levels Below |
| i-Ready Reading- Fall 2025 | | | | | | i-Ready Reading- Winter 2025 | | | | |
| K | 25% | 75% | 0% | 0% | | K | 71% | 29% | 0% | 0% |
| 1st | 8% | 89% | 3% | 0% | | 1st | 39% | 61% | 0% | 0% |
| 2nd | 27% | 58% | 14% | 0% | | 2nd | 66% | 31% | 6% | 0% |
| 3rd | 66% | 26% | 8% | 0% | | 3rd | 95% | 5% | 0% | 0% |
| 4th | 34% | 48% | 5% | 14% | | 4th | 52% | 39% | 2% | 7% |
| 5th | 22% | 50% | 22% | 6% | | 5th | 36% | 35% | 25% | 4% |
| i-Ready Math- Fall 2025 | | | | | | i-Ready Math- Winter 2025 | | | | |
| K | 20% | 80% | 0% | 0% | | K | 37% | 63% | 0% | 0% |
| 1st | 6% | 82% | 13% | 0% | | 1st | 29% | 63% | 8% | 0% |
| 2nd | 17% | 67% | 17% | 0% | | 2nd | 36% | 64% | 0% | 0% |
| 3rd | 24% | 71% | 5% | 0% | | 3rd | 55% | 44% | 0% | 0% |
| 4th | 22% | 57% | 16% | 5% | | 4th | 45% | 43% | 11% | 0% |
| 5th | 28% | 36% | 26% | 10% | | 5th | 33% | 46% | 13% | 8% |
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We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff, and our community in our efforts to create a positive, safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

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