



LAKE SHORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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"We build successful futures for all – one student at a time."

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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 2009-2010 educational progress for Violet Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact the principal, Ms. Elizabeth Netschke, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: www.lakeshoreschools.org or you may review a copy from the principal's office at your child's school.

For 2009-2010, Violet made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report the following additional information:

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

All resident Lake Shore students are assigned to a school based on the student's age, ability level, and residence location within the district. Resident students wishing to attend a school not within their residence boundaries have the option of requesting a transfer through the Office of Educational Services.

School of choice students are assigned to a school based on the student's age, ability level, and whenever possible, parent request.

Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan

Violet Elementary is beginning its first year of a new school improvement cycle with the 2010-11 school year. The staff successfully completed the 5 year cycle at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Core Curriculum Information

A copy of Lake Shore's core curriculum can be found on the district website: www.lakeshoreschools.org under the curriculum tab. Lake Shore teachers and administrators work closely with members of the Macomb Intermediate School District and the State of Michigan Core Curriculum. Each grade level follows a scope and sequence that focuses on the grade level content expectations provided by the State.

Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Assessments

Each year Lake Shore students are assessed in math, reading, and writing using local common assessments. The results of these assessments help us determine whether students are achieving the benchmarks and give us information on how to change instructional practices.

In the area of math, the median score for students in kindergarten through grade 5 was 80% for 2009-10. In writing, the median score for students in kindergarten through first grade was 75% and for grades 2 through 5 was 67%. In the area of reading 86% of students were at or above grade level by grade 3, 87% at grade 4, and 73% at grade 5.

Students Represented at Parent-Teacher Conferences

Violet holds parent teacher conferences in both winter and spring each year. In the winter 97% of students were represented by a parent (with 629 parents attending) and in the spring 98% of students were represented by at least one parent (633 parents attending).

We are very proud that Violet Elementary has once again made AYP for the 2009-10 school year. We will continue to strive toward excellence for all of our students in the coming school year.

Sincerely,
Christopher B. Loria
Superintendent

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