

Kinawa 5/6 School
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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 2019-2020 educational progress for Kinawa 5/6 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 Steve Stierley, Kinawa Principal, at 517-706-4700 or steven.stierley@okemosk12.net for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following <https://www.mischooldata.org/>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school, Kinawa, was not identified by the State as having a support category.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

All 5th and 6th grade students in the Okemos Public School System are assigned to attend Kinawa 5/6 School.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Kinawa is actively involved in our continuing improvement process led by the building school improvement team. The school improvement team meets throughout the school year to review student needs and determine the impact of our school's instructional program on student achievement. The team is composed of classroom teachers, specialists and support staff who

serve the varied needs of the students. Department chairs are also a part of the team. Members serve as contact to other building staff to convey information, seek input, or discuss concerns. The Kinawa principal is an integral member of the team. The building school improvement team uses a variety of data sources to establish on-going academic improvement goals and evaluate progress made toward those goals, and to develop systems to improve our school. School improvement initiatives include MiBlisi, PBIS, Social Emotional Health (SEL), Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME), Language Across Disciplines (LAD), African American Student Initiative (AASI), implementing clear learning targets in every classroom, establishing common assessments across grade level and content areas, data collection and review to name a few. In addition, teachers work in departments and have established SMART goals based on student achievement. Kinawa School's improvement plan is focused on improving the outcomes for all students, especially those that are not learning at the same rate as their peers. Kinawa staff targets learners in the bottom 30% on state assessments and those that are below the average range on Fastbridge screeners to target for support. Classroom assessments are also utilized.

Mission Statement:

“Together... educating with excellence, inspiring each learner for life.”

Vision Statement:

Kinawa is an exemplary 5/6 school that is a model for others.

Values Statement:

By holding high expectations, we will empower each other to be...

- Cooperative
- Accountable
- Respectful
- Empathetic
- Safe

CORE CURRICULUM

The goal of education is to provide all learners with the solid foundation of skills, knowledge, and understanding necessary for their continuous growth and success as students within the school setting and as adults in society.

The format for curriculum review in Okemos Public Schools involves committees of teachers and administrators and generally operates on a seven--year cycle. Our curriculum is currently aligned with the Michigan Academic Standards which serve to outline learning expectations for all students. They are used as a framework by our schools for curriculum development with the

curriculum itself prescribing instructional resources, methods, progressions, and additional knowledge valued by our local community. Furthermore, these standards provide a platform for state assessments, which are used to measure how well schools are providing opportunities for all students to learn the content outlined by the standards. Curriculum summaries are presented to parents at all grade levels. The district has developed an aligned assessment plan and a written calendar for all standardized assessments for the core academic content areas.

In addition to providing a strong core curriculum that meets the standards established by the State of Michigan, Kinawa provides frequent screening assessments for all students. Fastbridge universal screeners are administered school--wide three times per year (fall, winter, spring) to identify students who may need additional academic support—including both interventions and extensions. Screeners are administered in the areas of reading comprehension, reading fluency, math calculation, math problem solving/concepts. Following the administration of the school-wide screeners, teacher teams meet to review results and analyze whether their instructional strategies are meeting the needs of their students. They use a problem- solving approach to meet the needs of learners and assign students to flexible “FIT groups” depending upon individual needs. The teacher team meetings, called “data days” actively involve classroom teachers and specialists.

The school schedules a daily FIT hour to meet the needs of students on an individual basis. This approach uses research--based approaches and programs to help students succeed academically (e.g. Read Naturally, Math Lab, Writing Lab, Academic Extension, TASK, Rewards, etc.)

In addition to a strong academic curriculum, the district has a K-12 sequenced curriculum in the areas of music, visual arts, and theater and coordinates a K-12 Fine Arts Festival each spring. Kinawa offers “exploratories” in band, orchestra, vocal music, and the visual and performing arts.

We are very excited to offer a Montessori 5/6 program to our community and district. The program offers the same academic curriculum that is taught to our traditional students utilizing the Montessori philosophy.

Community members are able to access the Common Core Standards at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

We utilize FastBridge data to best support our students reading and math intervention and acceleration needs. The FastBridge testing provides nationally normed scores. Please view the table for our most current data: The scores represent the percentage of students who are considered “on-track.

A Reading**A Reading**

	2018/2019 FastBridge Test	2019/2020 FastBridge Test
5 th Grade	80% at or above grade level	87% at or above grade level
6 th Grade	88% at or above grade level	86% at or above grade level

A Math**A Math**

	2018/2019 FastBridge Test	2019/2020 FastBridge Test
5 th Grade	83% at or above grade level	87% at or above grade level
6 th Grade	90% at or above grade level	85% at or above grade level

PARENT/GUARDIAN-TEACHER CONFERENCES PARTICIPATION

We continually seek feedback from stakeholders about the effectiveness of our instruction. A formal parent participation form is sent home with students each spring and fall highlighting areas in which parents may choose to become involved in our school. Kinawa has an active Parent Teacher Organization (KPG) that provides activities and supports curricular goals through field trips, fundraising, supplies, and equipment. Opportunities for parent involvement have led to increased parental support and volunteerism. Parents help us in problem solving, decision--making, and planning and implementing projects, policies, and procedures. They participate on planning committees and assist staff on field trips and at school events. Our annual Keep Kinawa Moving fundraiser involves a large number of parent volunteers. Parents chaperone grade -level activities and volunteer at school functions such as picture day, health screening, yearbook, Keep Kinawa Moving, the talent show, Entrepreneur Night, a Science Fair, and clerical work.

Percentage of Students Represented by Parents Attending Parent--Teacher Conference at Kinawa

	Fall	Spring
2017-2018	91.5%	81%
2018-2019	91%	83%
2019-2020	86%	COVID

The Okemos Public Schools are committed to working in partnership with the community to provide broad, comprehensive educational opportunities and a superior quality academic curriculum, individualized to allow students to realize their highest potential and gain a lifelong love for learning.

**We welcome you to join us in the continued pursuit of our district's mission –
Together...Educating with Excellence, Inspiring Each Learner for Life.**

Sincerely,

Steve Stierley

Principal

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