
2024-2025 ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT



Blandford School

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Grades: 6th

Fall 2023 Enrollment: 60

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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 2023-24 educational progress for Blandford 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 FinnK@grps.org or call our school's main office at 616-819-2555 for assistance.

[The AER is available for you to review electronically by clicking this link](#) , or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 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 2023-24. 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 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

[Click here to view the School Index Overview for our school.](#) This site provides additional information about key performance indicators.

We continue to implement the district’s Academic Plan that focuses on creating a learning culture to advance students’ thinking and providing a rigorous and standards-based curriculum to help students achieve College- and Career-Readiness by the time they graduate.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

About Our School

Blandford School offers highly motivated students the opportunity for a diversity of learning experiences to meet their academic, intellectual, emotional, and social needs. The school is designed to heighten an awareness of the environment, stimulate creative thinking, develop leadership, promote intellectual growth, and increase self-esteem.

The site includes over 100 acres of woods, ponds, fields, and streams. The school has been in existence since 1973 and serves 60 selected sixth grade students each year. Blandford School attracts students from public and non-public schools throughout Grand Rapids, and a handful of students from nearby cities. The student body is a heterogeneous mixture of ethnic, economic, and social backgrounds.

Mission Statement

The mission of Blandford School is to provide a learning environment that will produce students with a heightened awareness of the environment, stimulate creative thinking, develop leadership, promote intellectual growth, and increase self-esteem.

Process for Assigning Pupils to Our School

Our school is a Theme School requiring application. The URL listed below links to information about applying for a Theme School or Center of Innovation. [Please contact Student Services at 616-819-2150 to learn more about your school choices or click here.](#)

Local Assessment Results

NWEA’s Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is the district’s local assessment. The table below reflects the proportion of students who scored at or above the 50th National Percentile in Reading and Math during Spring 2023 and Spring 2024.

School	Grade Level	NWEA Measure of Academic Progress			
		Students Scoring At/Above the 50th National Percentile			
		Reading		Math	
		Spring 2023	Spring 2024	Spring 2023	Spring 2024
Blandford	Grade 6	86%	95%	78%	90%

Core Curriculum

GRPS continues to...

- Align curricula to Michigan Grade Level Content Standards and College and Career Readiness Standards.
- Provide professional development that supports our Academic Plan.
- Assess student learning so teachers have accurate information about each student.
- Define individualized student targets, school-wide targets and district achievement targets.

[The GRPS Parent University website links parents to resources such as *Milestones* \(provided by *GreatSchools*\), a collection of online videos aimed to help parents understand their child's grade-level expectations.](#) These videos show students demonstrating what success looks like in reading, writing, and math for every grade level.

We are committed to ensuring our students reach their full academic potential. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you for your interest in our school!

Sincerely,

Karla Finn
Principal, Blandford School