



Sparta Area Schools

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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 2024-25 educational progress for Sparta High School. 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 Steve Johnson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <https://bit.ly/49H725P>, 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.

Our school was not given any of these labels.

Sparta High School takes pride in preparing students for both college and careers. We strive to give our students the rigorous curriculum necessary to prepare them for college level work and the skills necessary to be productive workers. For this reason we offer college classes and trades training both onsite and off site for our students. Each year we review the results of our SAT scores and look for ways to improve our students' outcomes. We also use the students' self created talent portfolio to gauge our level of preparation for careers. Our goal is to have 100% of all students have a college and career experience before leaving Sparta High School.

State law requires that we also report additional information. <To have this letter meet the state requirements, each school should provide a report for the two most recent years on the following:>

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1. Sparta High School serves students living in the Sparta Area School District in grades nine through twelve.
2. Sparta Area Schools is making great strides in using the Professional Learning Community Process (PLC) to identify students who need remediation and acceleration and plan to meet those needs.

You can get a copy of our curriculum by contacting Steve Johnson
steve.johnson2@spartaschools.org

Reading SAT % Met Benchmark

Grade Level	Spring '22	Spring '23	Spring '24	Spring '25
8th Grade	60%	61%	69%	74%
9th Grade	60%	61%	67%	66%
10th Grade	60%	60%	65%	63%
11th Grade	60%	56%	56%	55%

Math SAT % Met Benchmark

Grade Level	Spring '22	Spring '23	Spring '24	Spring '25
8th grade	43%	35%	34%	28%
9th Grade	37%	47%	33%	30%
10th Grade	32%	34%	31%	36%
11th Grade	26%	26%	32%	35%

School Year Percentage of Seniors with a college or career experience

2020-2021: 88%

2021-2022: 88%

2022-2023: 89%

2023-2024: 90%

2024-2025: 97%



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In the fall of 2025 fifty seven families signed up for conferences at the High School.

In the fall of 2024, 275 students took advantage of dual enrollment postsecondary classes.

Sparta High School offers 11 college equivalent courses, Ap/IB, and 281 students are enrolled in these courses for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are proud of the way Sparta High School prepares students for both college and career. We will continue to use the PLC process to identify and meet students' academic needs. We will continue to partner with the ISD and our community to connect and prepare our students for careers.

Sincerely,

Stacey Rumsey
Principal
Sparta High School