



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 Middle 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/45H2nPU>, 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 Middle School reviews its student outcome data three times a year and prepares grade level plans to help current students increase their achievement scores on NWEA and MStep.

Because Sparta Middle School strives for every student's success, our staff is working to close the achievement gaps in math and reading. Middle School staff are working to align their standards and instruction as well to fully implement the Professional Learning Team process. The process involves working as grade level teams to determine what are the most essential standards, reviewing our student progress on those standards and remediating or accelerating students as necessary.

State law requires that we also report additional information.



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1. Sparta Middle School serves the students in the Sparta Area School District in grade six, seven and eight.
2. Sparta Middle School continues to work to improve its systems of instruction using the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and the Professional Learning Communities process (PLC)
3. You can access the core curriculum by emailing steve.johnson2@spartaschools.org

NWEA Reading Test % of Students meeting their Spring to Spring Growth Target

	2022		2023		2024		2025	2025
	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile
6th	41%	5	42%	3	38%	11	45%	25
7th	42%	8	38%	1	45%	10	58%	68
8th	44%	12	41%	4	67%	96	68%	91

Reading MStep % at Benchmark

Grade Level	'22	'23	'24	'25
6th grade	33%	33%	43%	53%
7th grade	37%	27%	34%	45%
8th grade (PSAT)	60%	61%	69%	74%



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NWEA math % of student meeting or exceeding their spring to spring growth targets

NWEA/MAP

	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile	% of students meeting or exceeding growth	School Conditional Growth Percentile
6 th	35%	10	27%	2	64%	79	40%	15
7 th	55%	55	37%	6	46%	14	43%	6
8 th	41%	18	27%	12	65%	96	64%	93

Math MStep % at Benchmark

Grade Level	'22	'23	'24	'25
6 th grade	28 %	27 %	35 %	32 %
7 th grade	20 %	26 %	27 %	31 %
8 th grade	43 %	35 %	34 %	28 %



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We are proud of our students and our partnerships with our community. Sparta educators are committed to our students and their success.

Sincerely,

Brad Wood
Principal
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