



Annual Education Report 2023/24

February 4, 2025

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 North Star Montessori Academy. 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 Mary VanderMolen for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: [Annual Education Report \(1\)](#) 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, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

School Name: North Star Montessori Academy	Status Label: No Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement: N/A
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North Star Montessori Academy is working to increase student achievement. We continue to offer Title I services in reading and math to students who meet the eligibility criteria based on their benchmark assessment scores. North Star Montessori Academy has also invested in a transportation system to improve student attendance by providing bussing to our families living a significant distance from the school.

Assignment: Students are enrolled in North Star Montessori Academy through a Schools of Choice Application process. Our school admits students from a two-county area around Marquette, Michigan. Most families apply to North Star Montessori Academy to access the high-quality Montessori education provided in PreK - 8th grades.



Status of Our 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan: The 3 - 5 school improvement plan is focused on increasing math and ELA scores and aligning the curriculum. As part of this plan, the school has implemented a new math curriculum in grades 2nd-8th and new ELA curriculum in grades K-3. Our staff is currently reviewing progress monitoring data since the implementation of the new curriculum to identify areas of improvement and need.

Specialized Schools: North Star Montessori Academy operates as a Montessori environment allowing the whole child the freedom and support to question, think deeply, and make connections to our ever-changing world. Our teachers are up-to-date on current national and state standards and how they relate to Montessori theory and practice. We are intentional and adaptable with our Montessori instruction and how these methods suit our current student population to best "follow the student."

Core Curriculum: The North Star Montessori Academy Curriculum can be accessed through our website [here](#). The curriculum is located under the Academics tab.

Student Achievement Results: North Star Montessori assesses students three times a year using the NWEA assessment. The most recent Math and Reading results are below:

[Fall 2024 NWEA School Wide Math Scores](#)

[Fall 2024 NWEA School Wide Reading Scores](#)

Student Achievement Results: **North Star Montessori Academy holds** parent-teacher conferences in the fall of each year. In 2024, 87 of 111 families were represented at conferences. This is 78% of all families attending their conferences. In the spring, classroom celebrations are held where students and family can celebrate individual and class accomplishments and show their families the work being done in the classroom.

North Star Montessori Academy prides itself on operating with kindness and dignity where students are empowered to be self-motivated, self-disciplined, and independent learners. We offer a safe and nurturing environment where all students can reach their potential. Thank you for your continued support and the trust you have placed in us with your child's education.

Sincerely,

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