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Dear Families and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2022-23 educational progress for WoodsEdge Learning Center and our regional classrooms for students with Autism. 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 Aubree Spencer (Principal) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by clicking the following link: [WoodsEdge Learning Center Annual Education Report](#), or you may review a copy from the main office of our school.

The state of Michigan has identified some schools using new definitions and labels as required in the "Every Student Succeeds Act" as: A Targeted Support and Improvement School (TSI) which is a school that has at least one underperforming student subgroup, An Additional Targeted Support School (ATS), which is a school that has at least three underperforming student subgroups, and A Comprehensive Support and Improvement School (CSI), which is a school whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. At this time, center-based schools like WoodsEdge Learning Center are not given one of these labels.

Last Year, WoodsEdge Learning Center students performed very well on state assessments. The state has changed some aspects of the report and data for schools in Michigan. The AER will include the following data related to WoodsEdge students who took the state assessment in the 2022-23 school year.

- Data for students taking the M-STEP or SAT (currently WoodsEdge has no students taking the M-STEP or SAT due to our students working on a certificate of completion and not a diploma).
- Data on students Mi-Access scores at the Functional, Supported, and Participation level
- Accountability data related to graduation, attendance, and assessment
- Teacher qualification data
- National Assessment Data (NAEP)
- Civil Rights Data

Although the report can be difficult to interpret, we celebrate all success at WoodsEdge Learning Center. We have low numbers of students testing each year in Grades 3rd-8th and 11th, therefore the report may show less than 10% of our students are proficient. Our students are tested in the areas of Math, English/Language Arts, and Science. Our school also tests the students in Social Studies with a district provided assessment. The most accurate data is displayed looking at students testing at the participation level. This is the level in which most of our students are tested. We are extremely proud of the progress our students are making and the hard work our teachers and staff are doing daily to ensure students receive quality instruction. We are committed to ensuring that all our students continue to learn and achieve their goals. State testing is one measure of learning; however, we measure student progress in many ways. Again, you may locate the full report of WoodsEdge Learning Center and more information on our test scores at <https://bit.ly/39XYbzj>.

Additional Information:

Our school's Core Leadership Team will be discussing the needs for academic goals in the coming years.

Our key challenge with assessing our students is to be sure every student has a clear way of communicating their answer choice. Communication is a goal for all our students, and we will continue to give many more opportunities in their lessons to answer questions in a similar format as the MI-ACCESS assessment.

We encourage parents to be involved in their child's education by supporting learning in the following ways:

- Regularly attend parent/teacher conferences.
- Regularly send your child to school. Attendance is a significant factor in a child or young adult's ability to learn. Consistent instruction helps students make progress.
- Be an active member of the IEP Team and give input.
- Involvement in school volunteer/training activities.

State law also requires that we report additional information on the following:

1. Enrollment Process:

WoodsEdge Learning Center works with Kalamazoo County local school districts to provide center-based programs and services to students, as determined through the IEP process. WoodsEdge Learning Center does not enroll students independent of local involvement. If an individual family is interested in the programming at WoodsEdge Learning Center, their first contact should be with the local school district in which they reside.

2. Status of the School Continuous Improvement Plan:

Our School Leadership Team has been supporting staff with goals 1 and 2 for the upcoming school year. We revisit these goals and document progress annually.

A. Goal #1 (Academics): WoodsEdge Learning Center will develop and implement a new school-wide curriculum and assessment to increase overall progress for students.

Our Curriculum Team of teachers meets weekly to develop additional curriculum and assessments to measure student progress in academics as well as our three core skill areas: communication, safety, and independence. In the 22-23 school year all classrooms are teaching our new curriculum and assessing our 3 core skills. We will collect school wide data on the progress our students make in communication, safety, and independence as we move forward.

B. Goal #2 (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion): WoodsEdge will increase all staff awareness of anti-bias anti-racist principles through professional development and training. We will be measuring staff attendance at trainings with a goal of 100% attendance of staff on the days of professional learning. We use a research-based survey tool to track data on our staff's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion at WoodsEdge Learning Center.

Our team at WoodsEdge Learning Center is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) growth. Continuing our learning and awareness of DEI and working to become an anti-biased and anti-racist school, will positively impact the student and families we serve. In the 23-24 school year we will be surveying families to look at our equitable processes for families within student's individualized education plan (IEP).

Our goals are aligned to the curriculum and support our mission, vision and beliefs; they are also aligned to our district wide continuous improvement plan.

MISSION

WoodsEdge Learning Center is an innovative school dedicated to developing independence in our students.

VISION

A community without barriers

BELIEFS

1. WE are committed to making sure that every student has a way to communicate.
2. WE allow students TIME to do things independently.
3. WE ask: What am I doing for my students that they could do for themselves?
4. WE use state-of-the-art technology to foster independence.
5. WE implement evidence-based practices.
6. WE use a team approach.
7. WE recognize each student as a unique individual with unique strengths and needs.

3. **School Description:**

WoodsEdge Learning Center serves students in Kalamazoo County who are eligible to receive services under the categories of early childhood developmental delay, moderate and severe cognitive impairments, severe multiple impairments, other health impairments, and autism spectrum disorders. WoodsEdge Learning Center staff work with local districts and families to provide center-based programs and services to students, as determined through the IEP process. WoodsEdge Learning Center does not enroll students independent of local district involvement. Students who attend WoodsEdge Learning Center are between the ages of 5 and young adult, and in grades kindergarten through 12th grade and beyond.

Our building is a state-of-the-art facility, designed specifically with the needs of our population in mind. It is 117,000 square feet, located on the grounds of Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency. The school's capacity is approximately 250 students. In addition to our classrooms and office area, WoodsEdge Learning Center has two therapeutic swimming pools, a gymnasium, cafeteria, two playgrounds, a vocational room, recycling center, and a student closet. An overhead rail/track system allows students with multiple impairments added support and independence in learning to move and become ambulatory.

4. **Core Curriculum:**

The WoodsEdge Learning Center curriculum is aligned to the Common Core Standards. The Unique Learning System curriculum is the school's primary curriculum for secondary students. Our elementary classrooms use a curriculum called Encore. Individualized Education Planning Meetings determine a customized focus for each student. In addition, teachers teach self-help skills, communication, social skills, mobility, and functional skills to develop independence in students. Our 3 core skills curriculum and assessment development will guide the teaching of functional skills to our students in the years to come.

Unique Learning System can be viewed at:

www.unique.n2y.com

Encore can be viewed at:

<http://web.teachtown.com/>

Please talk with your child's teacher if you'd like to see more of the curriculum or have questions.

5. **Student Assessment Data:**

You will see in the combined report that for most categories, there are no scores for WoodsEdge Learning Center, or less than 10% of our students tested, passed, or are emerging in specific areas. This is due to there being fewer than 10 students taking a particular test at a certain grade and is done to protect individual scores. We do review student scores as a school team and determine areas we need to focus on and improve, but unfortunately, the state assessment results for our school are limited.

6. Percent of Students Represented by Families at Parent/Family-Teacher Conferences:

Year	% Participation
2019-20	(No Conferences) *COVID-19 Impacted
2020-21	73% *Virtual Conferences
2021-22	48% * Covid-19 Impacted (In-Person)
2022-23	62%

Parents, guardians, families, and community members are encouraged to be involved in WoodsEdge Learning Center school life by volunteering and attending special performances and events. Please contact our front office for details (269-250-9400).

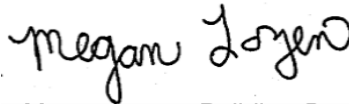
We are thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to serve your child and look forward to continued growth and educational progress.

Find the full Annual Report for 2022-23 at <https://bit.ly/39XYbj>.

Sincerely,



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