



## Annual Education Report

February 11, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2024-2025 educational progress for Rapid City Elementary. 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 Kevin Malbouef for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website at [www.kpschools.com](http://www.kpschools.com), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-2026 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 2024-2025. 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 2022-2023. 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 2022-2023. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Rapid City Elementary has not been given one of these labels.

Accelerating academic growth in ELA and Mathematics remains a top priority at Rapid City Elementary. We are addressing achievement gaps through the deliberate use of research-based interventions and active engagement strategies. A key component of our instructional model is the use of learning intentions and success criteria, which ensures students clearly understand their learning goals and how to demonstrate proficiency. Through consistent formative assessment and targeted support, we are committed to meeting the diverse needs of every learner.



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State law requires that we also report the following information:

**Assigning Pupils to School:** Rapid City Elementary provides instruction to approximately 65 students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Enrollment is primarily comprised of students residing within the Kalkaska Public Schools attendance area as determined by the Board of Education. The school also welcomes students through the district's Schools of Choice process, ensuring that families within and surrounding Kalkaska County have access to our educational programs.

**Status of School Improvement:** Each year, the District School Improvement Committee conducts a comprehensive review of student achievement, district goals, and instructional strategies. Locally, the Rapid City Elementary Building Committee evaluates our School Data Profile and Self-Assessment metrics to drive the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP). By synthesizing student achievement data with our annual MICIP updates, we ensure our school improvement goals remain aligned with student needs. All relevant district documents and transparency reports are maintained for public review on the district website at [www.kpschools.com](http://www.kpschools.com).

**Specialized Schools:** Rapid City Elementary provides a comprehensive K-5 education to all enrolled students. The building does not house any specialized or alternative education programs.

**Curriculum:** Rapid City Elementary provides a rigorous instructional framework that is aligned with the Michigan Academic Standards. We utilize the Common Core State Standards to guide our English Language Arts and Mathematics instruction, our science curriculum is based on the Michigan Science Standards (NGSS), and our social studies program follows the Michigan K-12 Standards. Copies of our curriculum maps can be found at [www.kpschools.com](http://www.kpschools.com).

**Student Achievement:** Rapid City Elementary monitors student achievement through the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) and local benchmark assessments. M-STEP results are included in the Annual Education Report and can be found at [www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org).



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**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parental involvement is vital to our school's success. Participation rates for our Fall conferences are as follows:

- 2024-2025: 91% (61 of 67 students represented)
- 2023-2024: 84% (81 of 96 students represented)

The staff at Rapid City Elementary is proud of the educational opportunities we provide for our students. We will continue our school improvement efforts to increase student achievement in Kalkaska Public Schools. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff, and our community in this effort.

Sincerely,

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